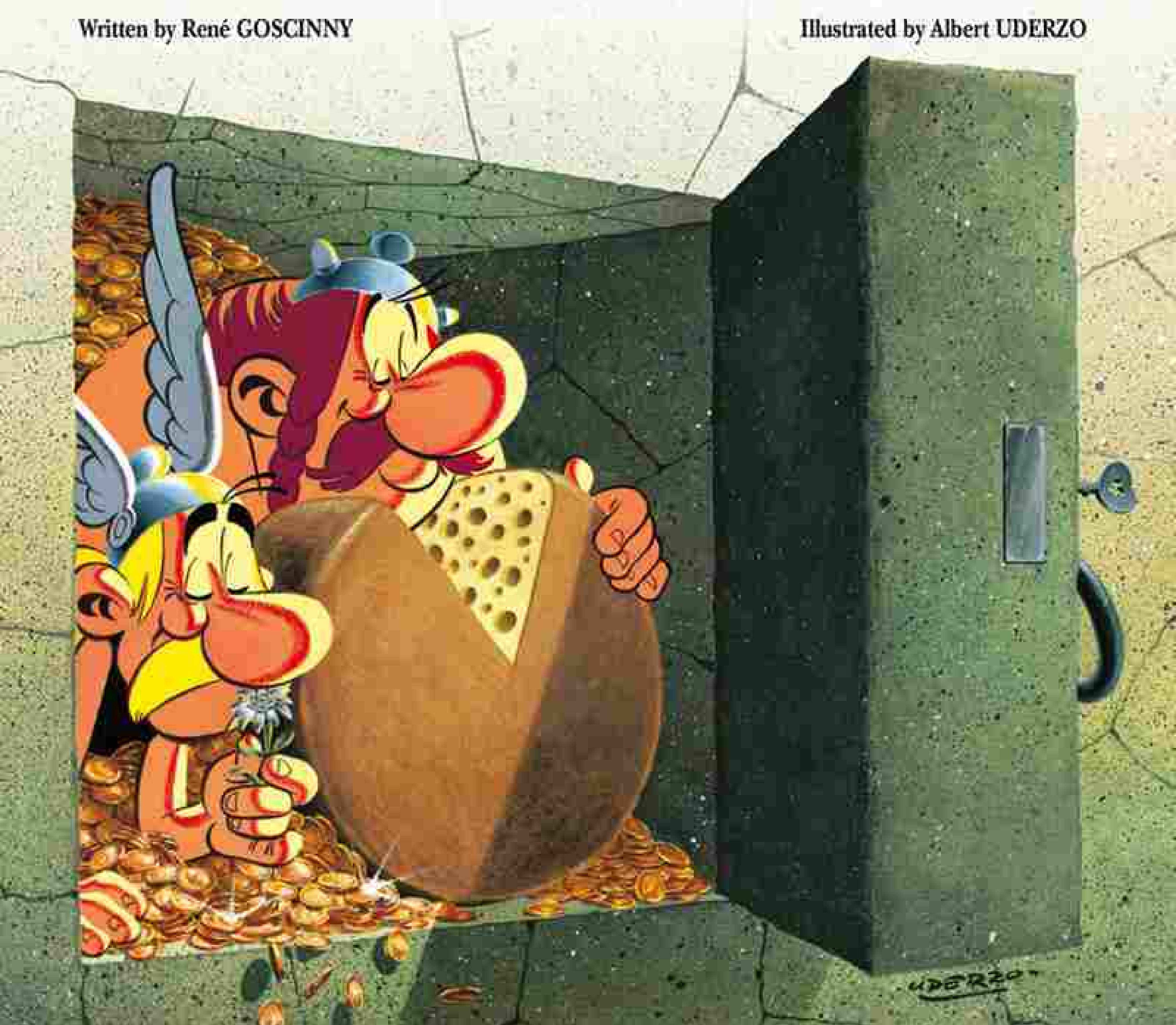


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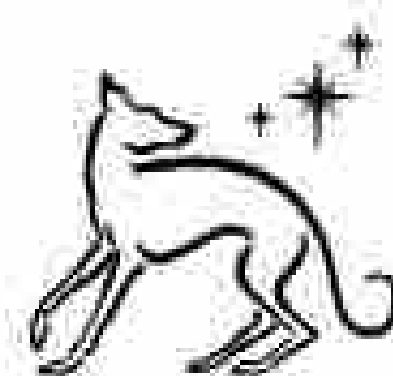
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THE YEAR IS 50 BC. GAUL IS ENTIRELY OCCUPIED BY THE ROMANS. WELL, NOT ENTIRELY ... ONE SMALL VILLAGE OF INDOMITABLE GAULS STILL HOLDS OUT AGAINST THE INVADERS. AND LIFE IS NOT EASY FOR THE ROMAN LEGIONARIES WHO GARRISON THE FORTIFIED CAMPS OF TOTORUM, AQUARIUM, LAUDANUM AND COMPENDIUM ...



ASTERIX, THE HERO OF THESE ADVENTURES. A SHREWD, CUNNING LITTLE WARRIOR, ALL PERILOUS MISSIONS ARE IMMEDIATELY ENTRUSTED TO HIM. ASTERIX GETS HIS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH FROM THE MAGIC POTION BREWED BY THE DRUID GETAFIX . . .



OBELIX, ASTERIX'S INSEPARABLE FRIEND. A MENHIR DELIVERY MAN BY TRADE, ADDICTED TO WILD BOAR. OBELIX IS ALWAYS READY TO DROP EVERYTHING AND GO OFF ON A NEW ADVENTURE WITH ASTERIX - SO LONG AS THERE'S WILD BOAR TO EAT, AND PLENTY OF FIGHTING. HIS CONSTANT COMPANION IS DOGMATIX, THE ONLY KNOWN CANINE ECOLOGIST, WHO HOWLS WITH DESPAIR WHEN A TREE IS CUT DOWN.



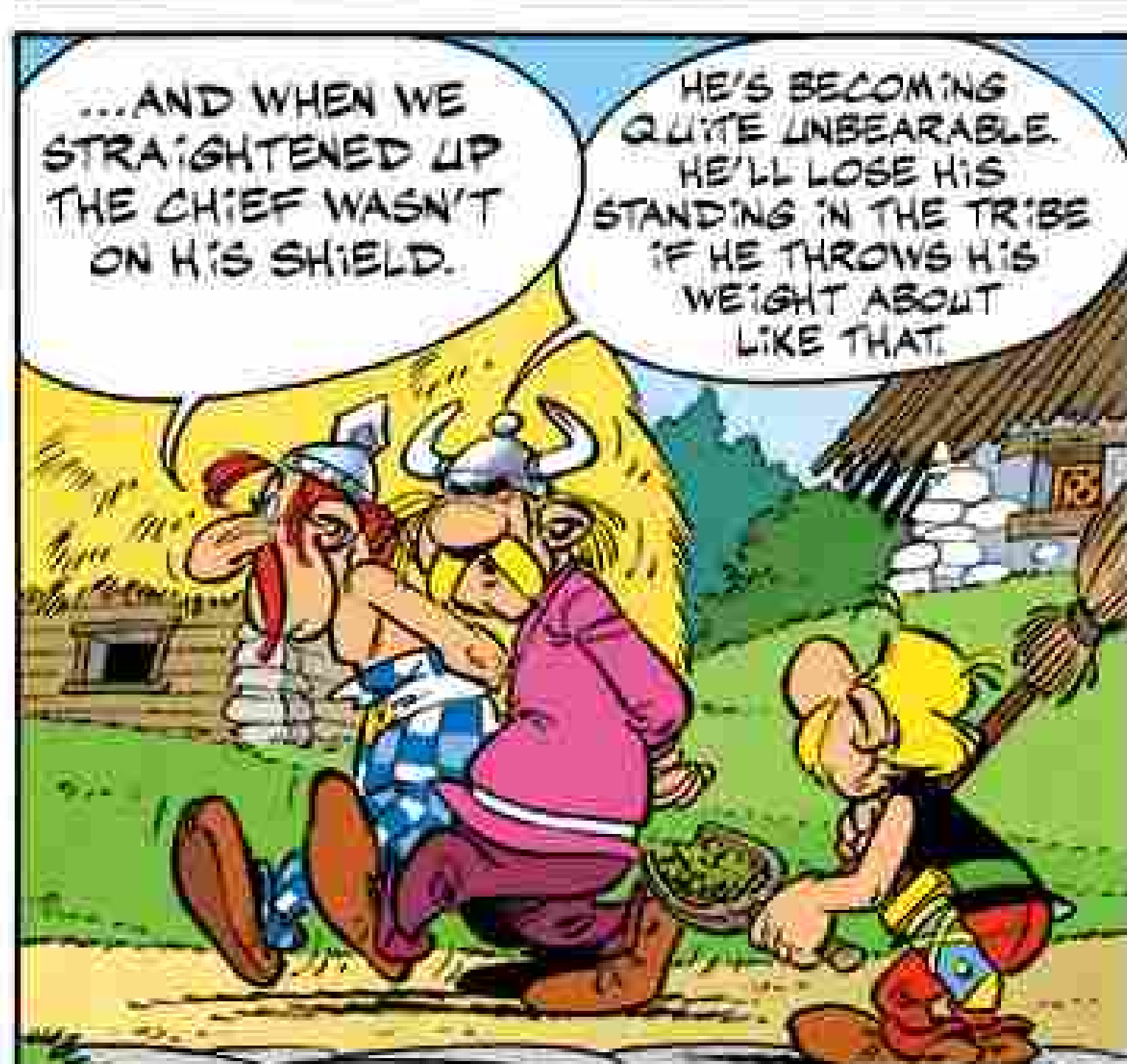
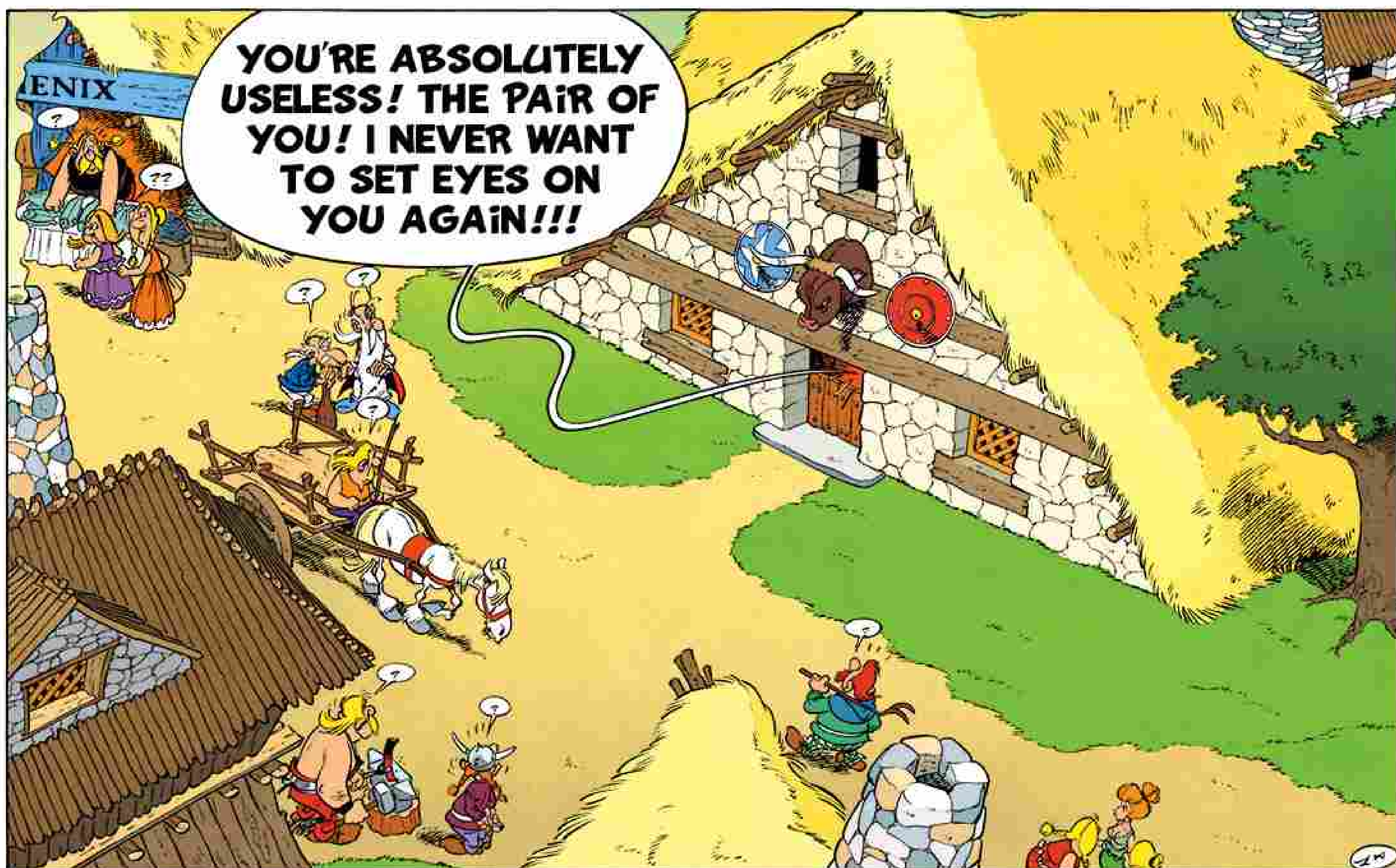
GETAFIX, THE VENERABLE VILLAGE DRUID, GATHERS MISTLETOE AND BREWS MAGIC POTIONS. HIS SPECIALITY IS THE POTION WHICH GIVES THE DRINKER SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH. BUT GETAFIX ALSO HAS OTHER RECIPES UP HIS SLEEVE . . .

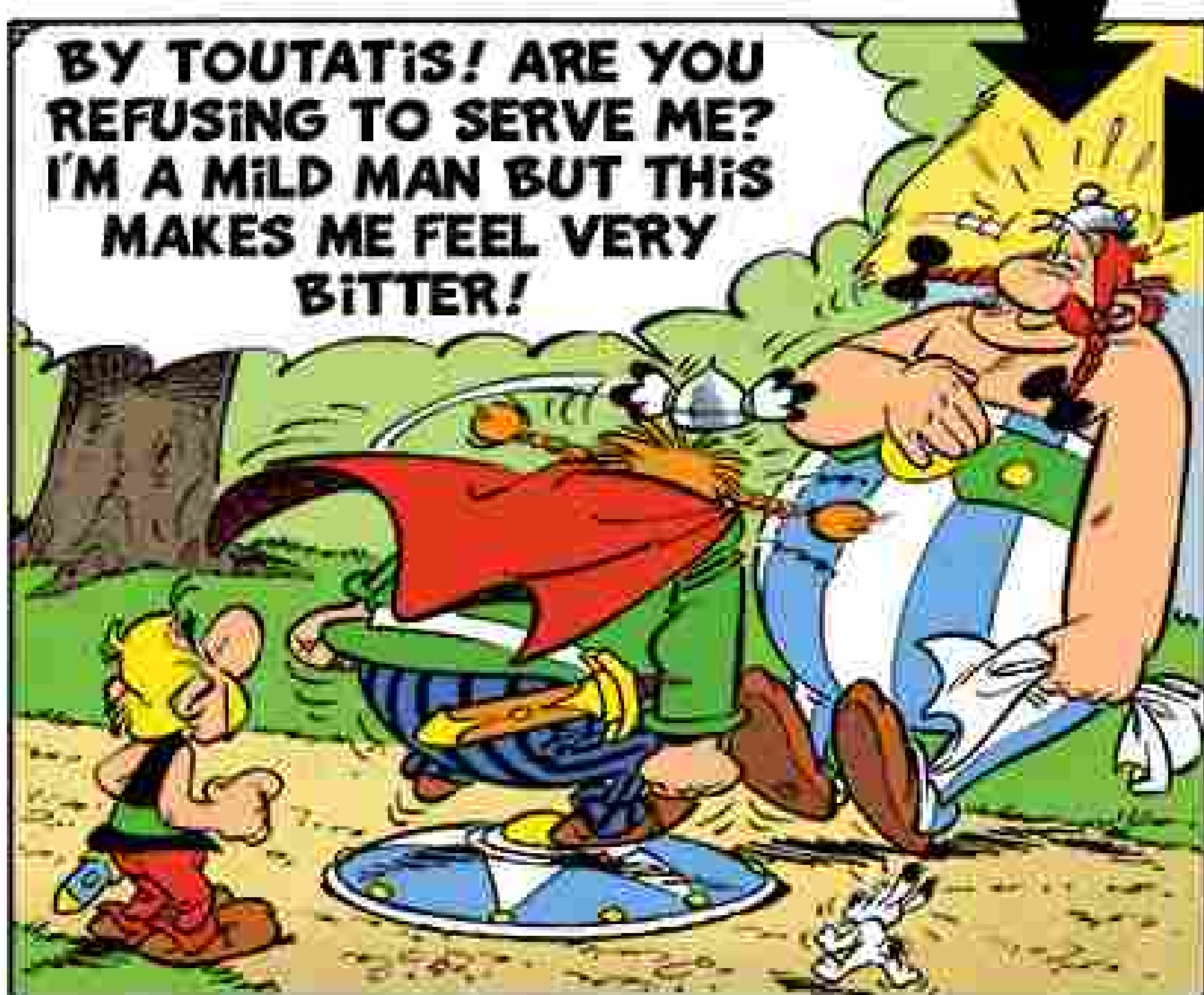
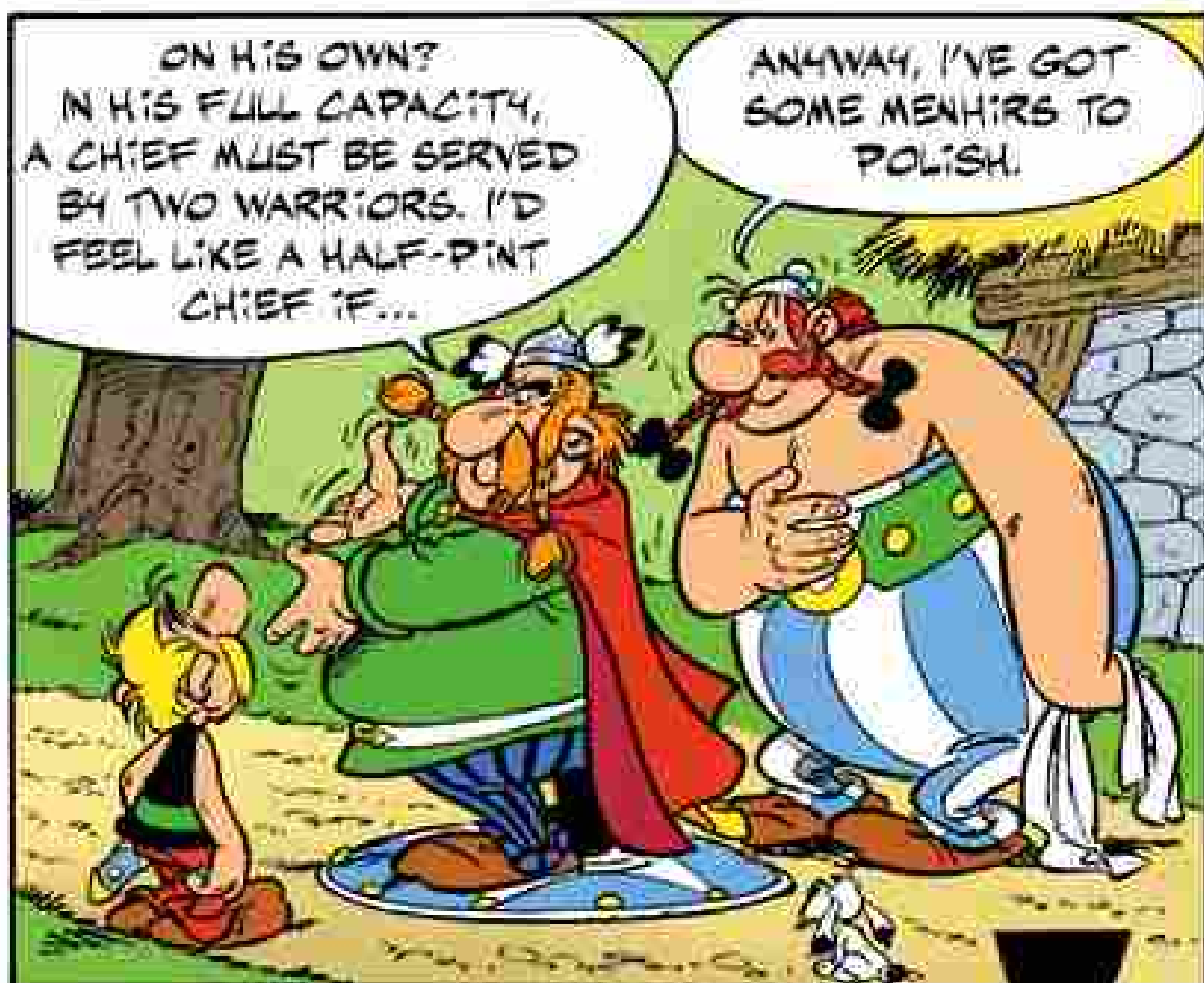


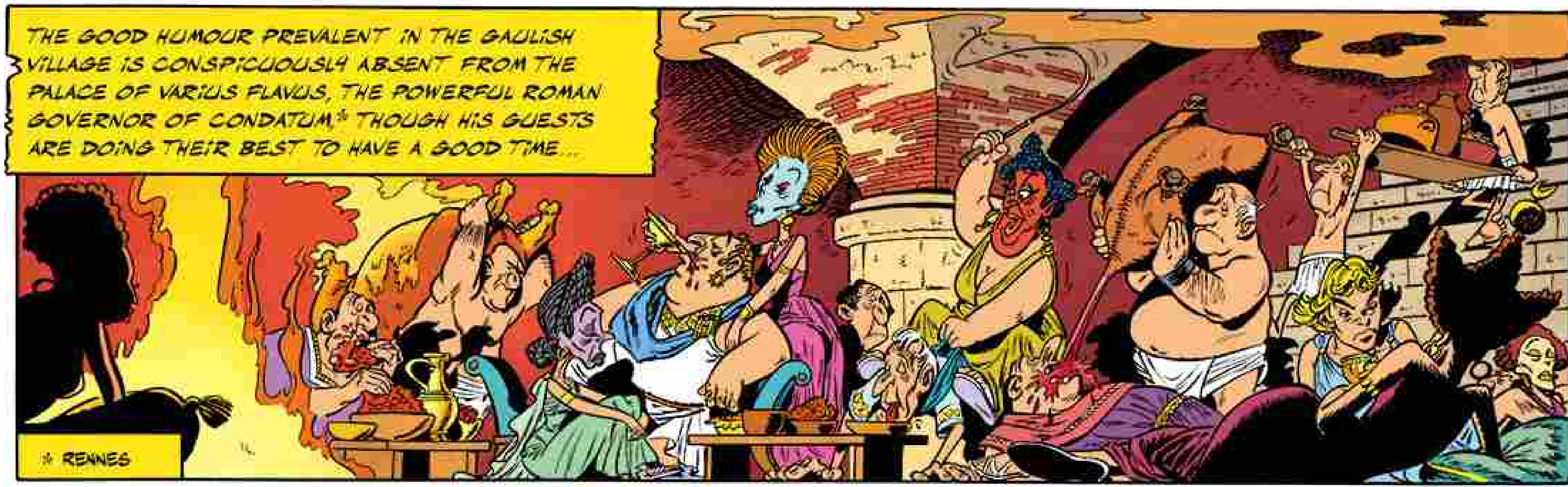
CACOFONIX, THE BARD. OPINION IS DIVIDED AS TO HIS MUSICAL GIFTS. CACOFONIX THINKS HE'S A GENIUS. EVERYONE ELSE THINKS HE'S UNSPEAKABLE. BUT SO LONG AS HE DOESN'T SPEAK, LET ALONE SING, EVERYBODY LIKES HIM . . .

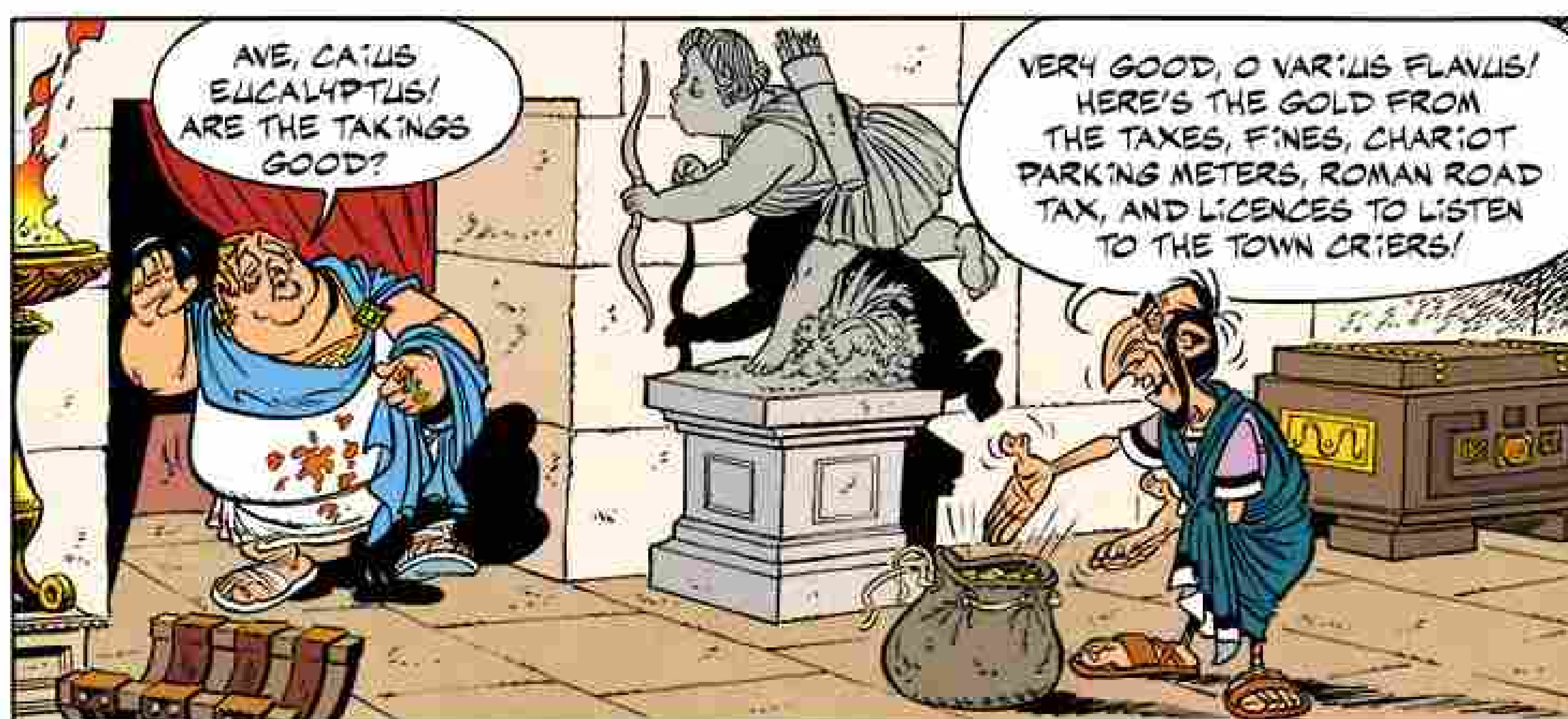


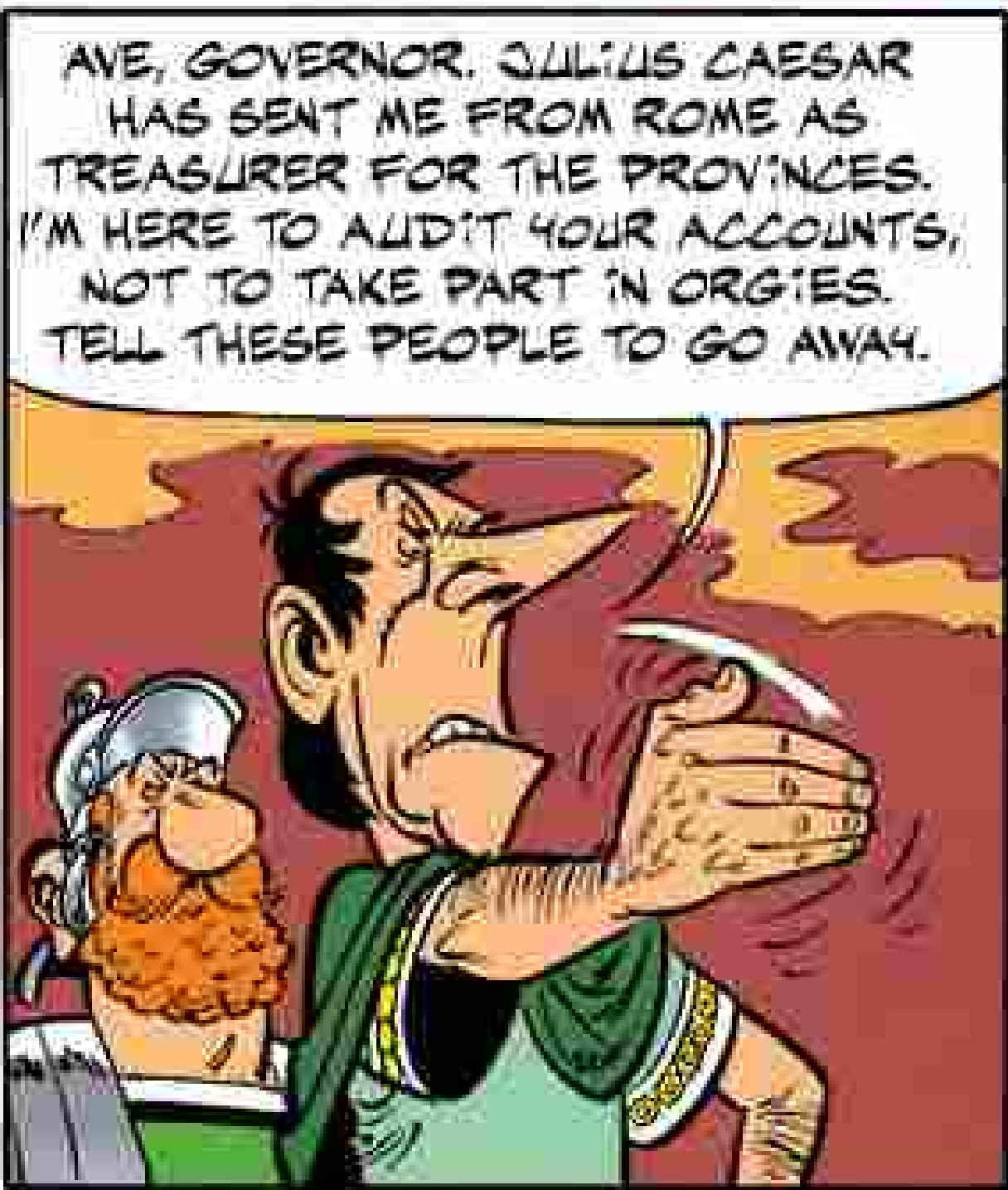
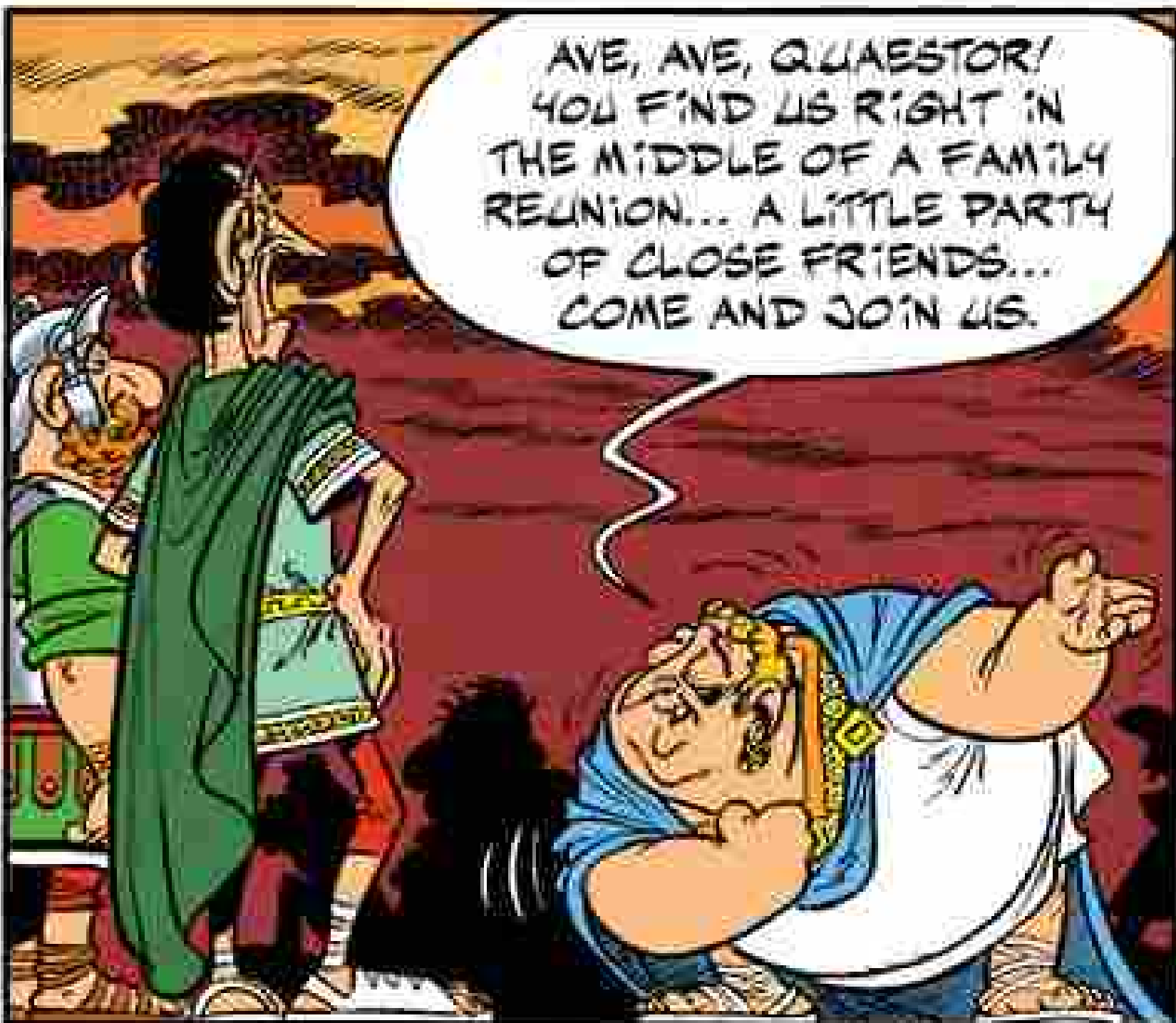
FINALLY, VITALSTATISTIX, THE CHIEF OF THE TRIBE. MAJESTIC, BRAVE AND HOT-TEMPERED, THE OLD WARRIOR IS RESPECTED BY HIS MEN AND FEARED BY HIS ENEMIES. VITALSTATISTIX HIMSELF HAS ONLY ONE FEAR, HE IS AFRAID THE SKY MAY FALL ON HIS HEAD TOMORROW. BUT AS HE ALWAYS SAYS, TOMORROW NEVER COMES.

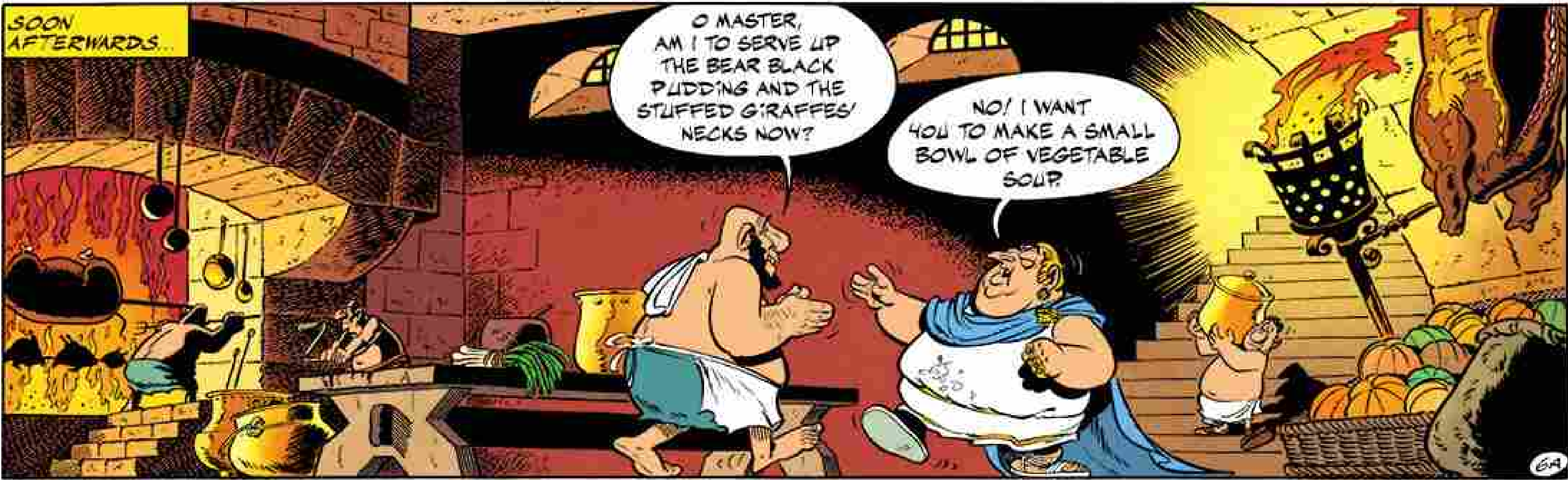




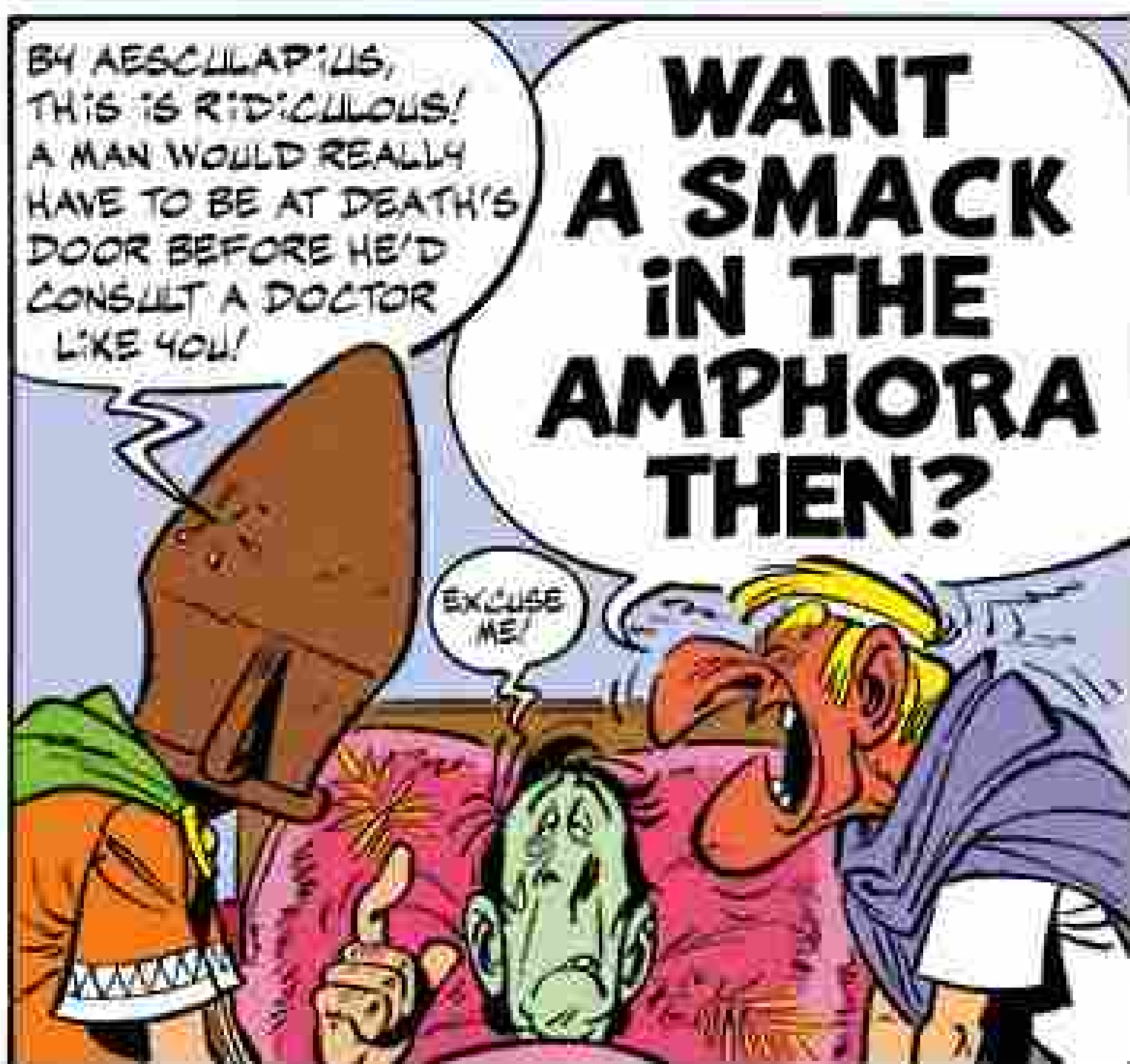
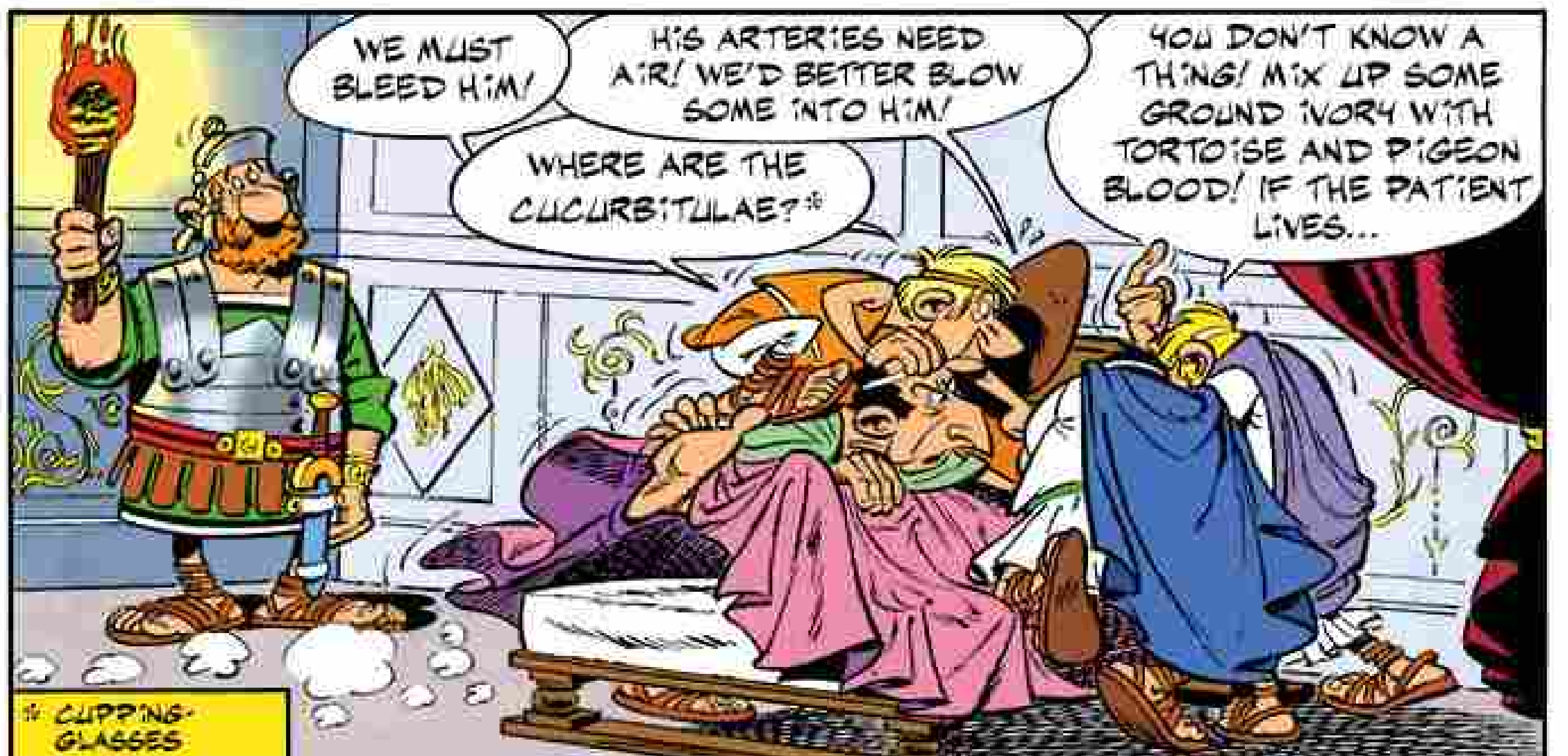


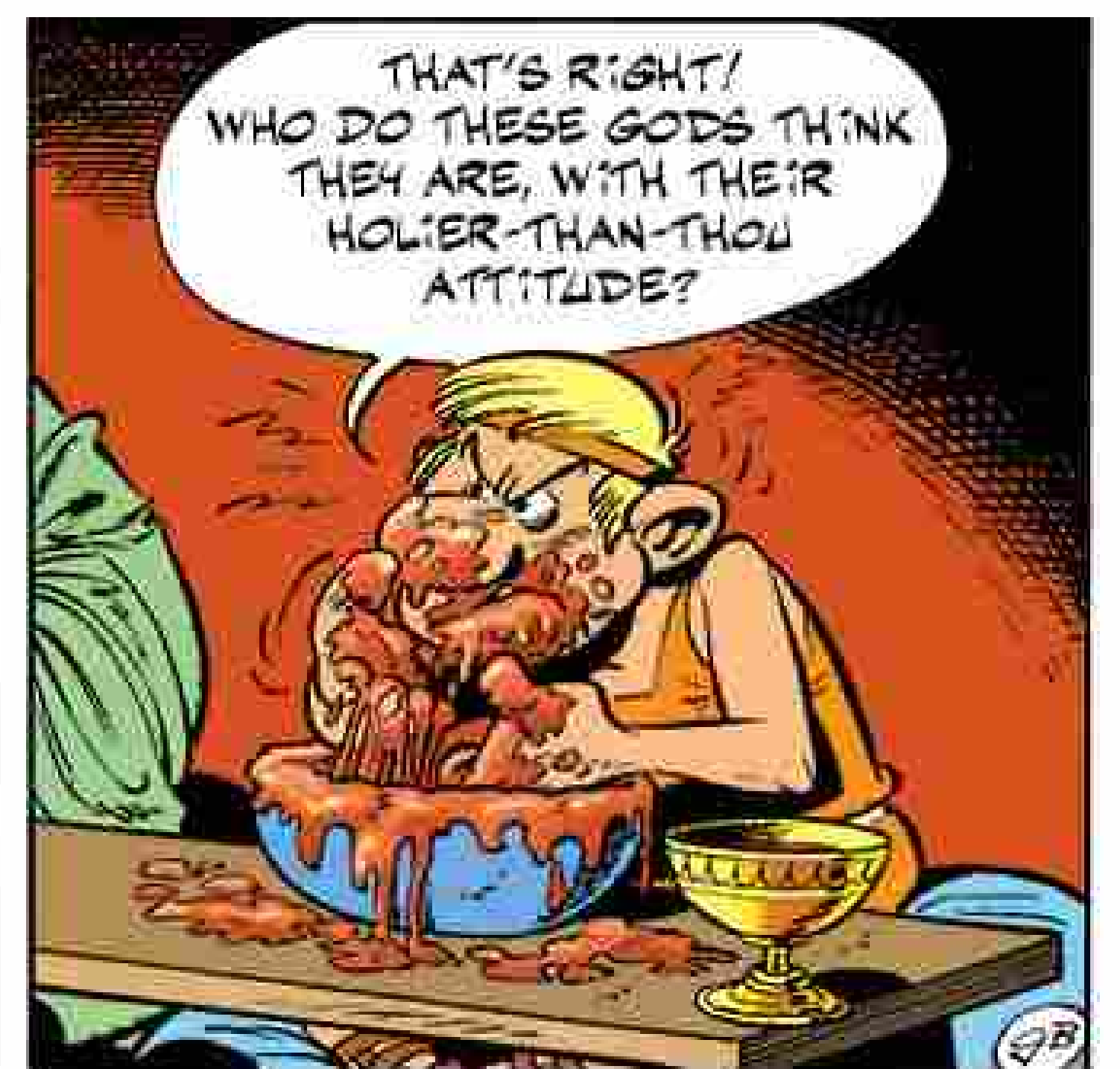


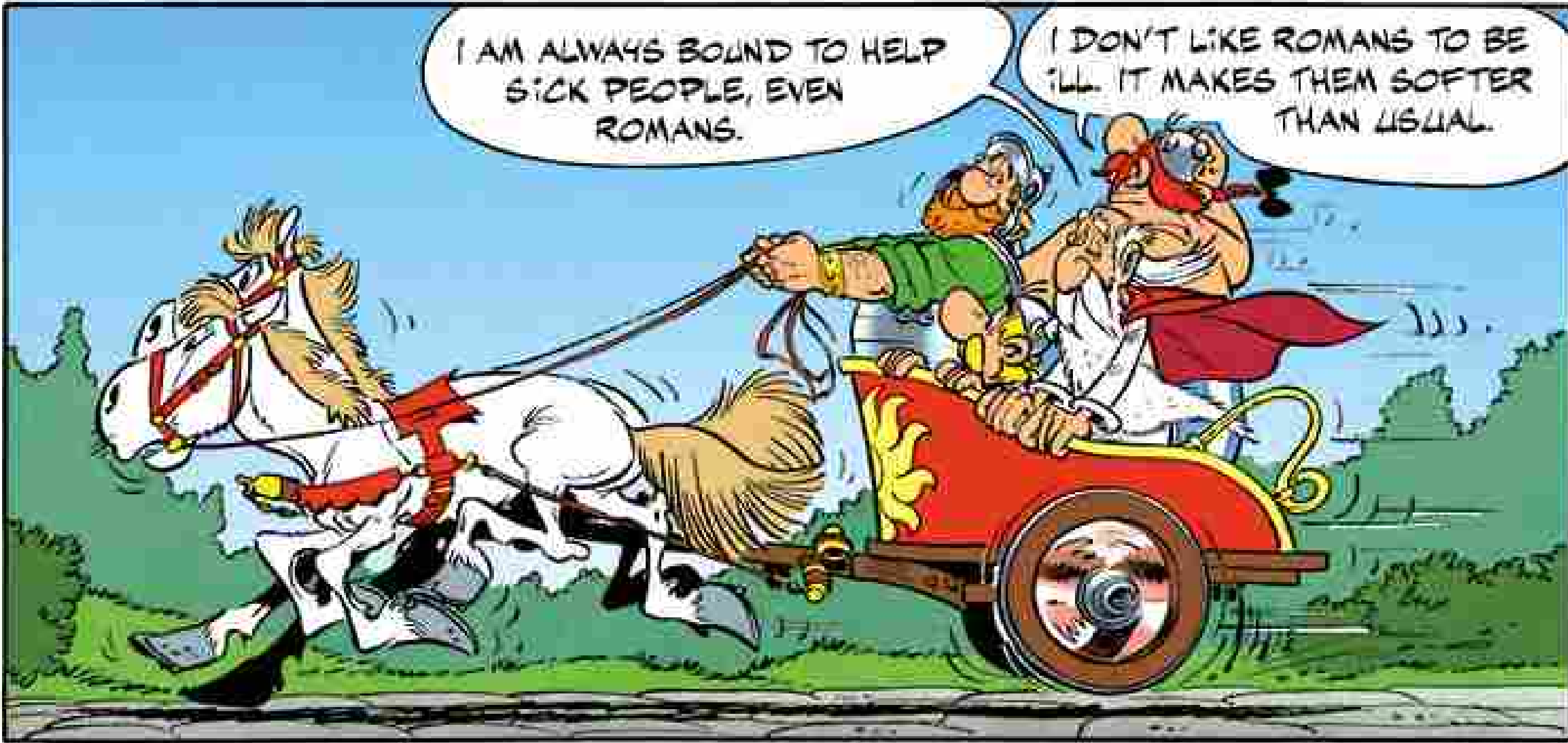


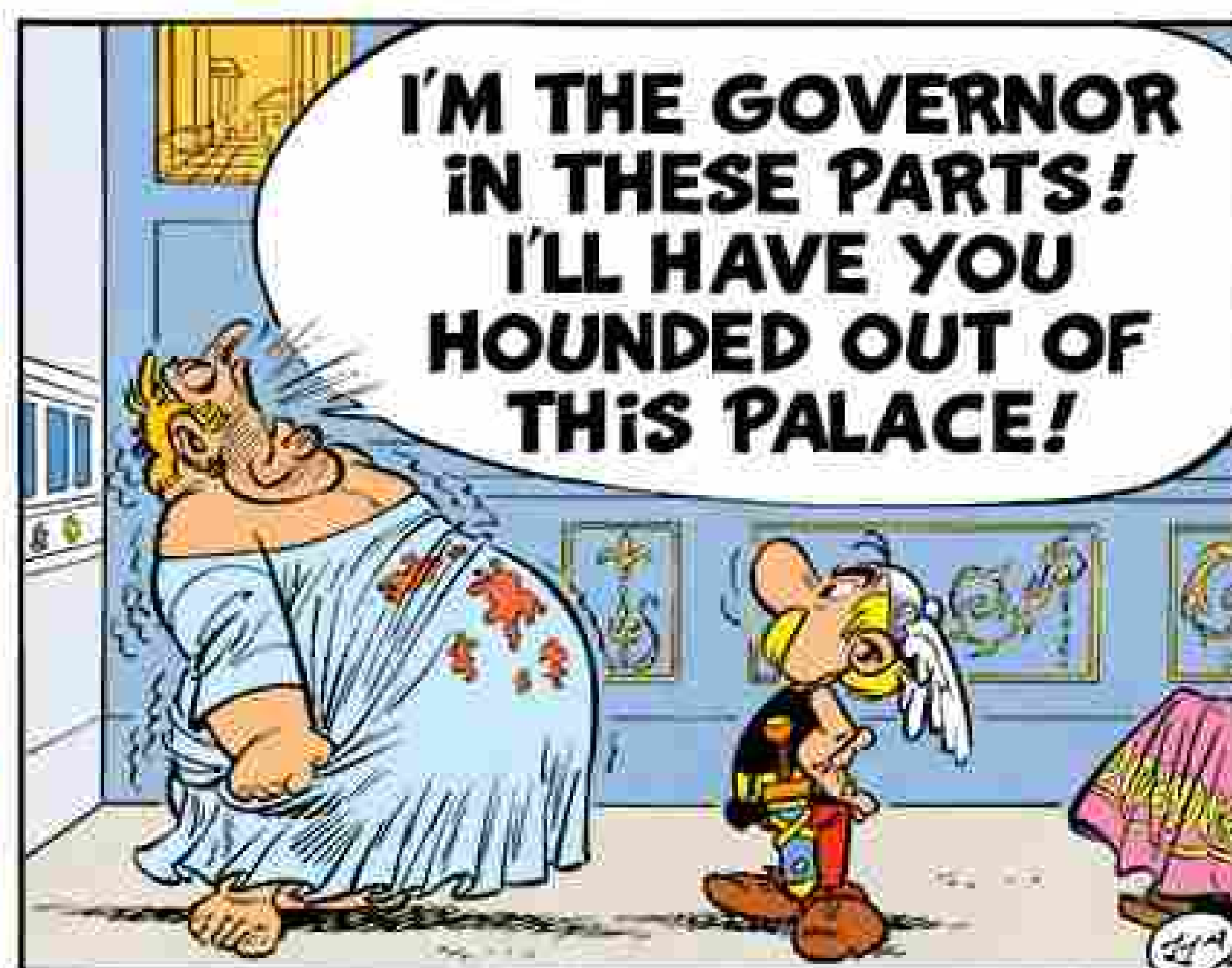


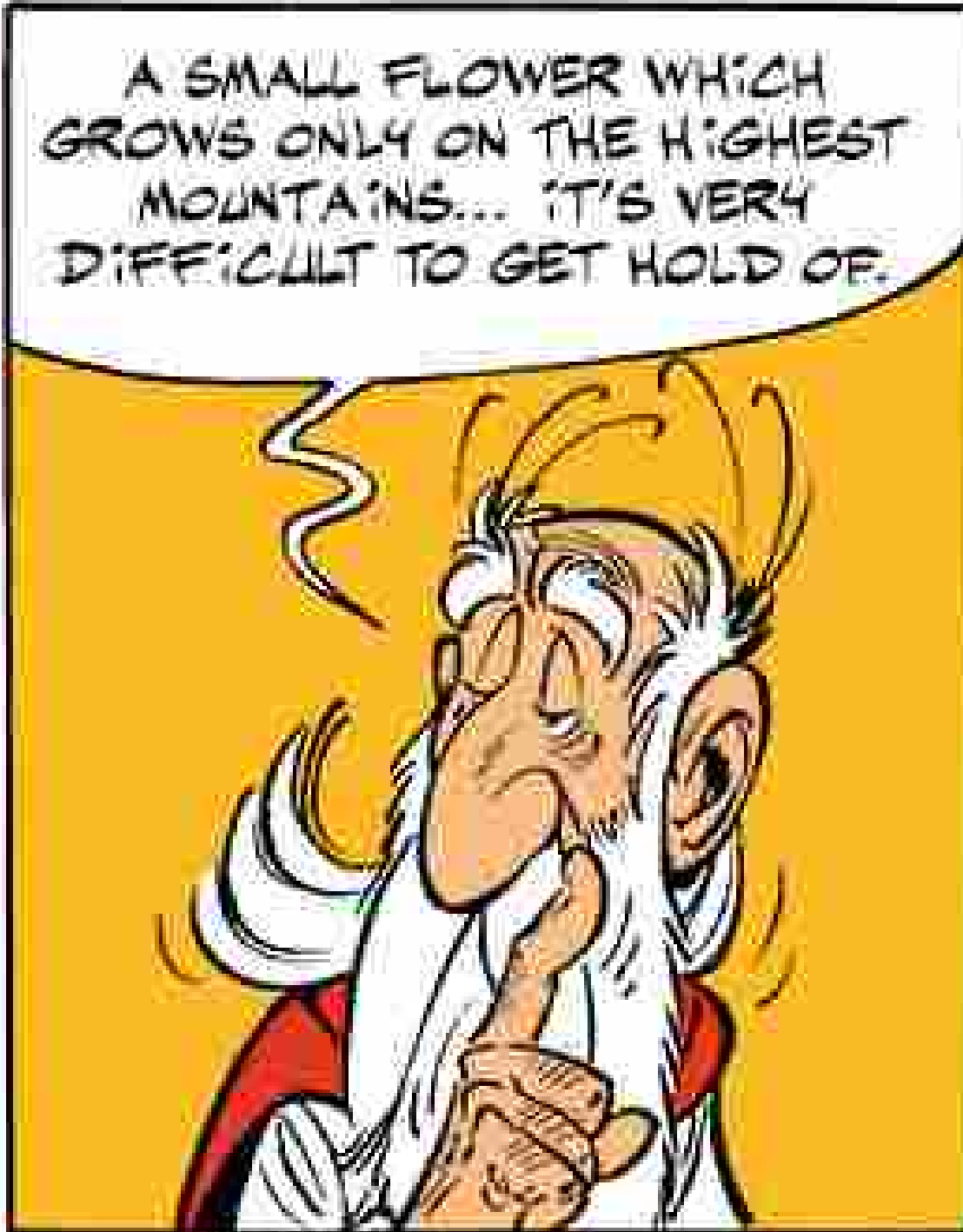


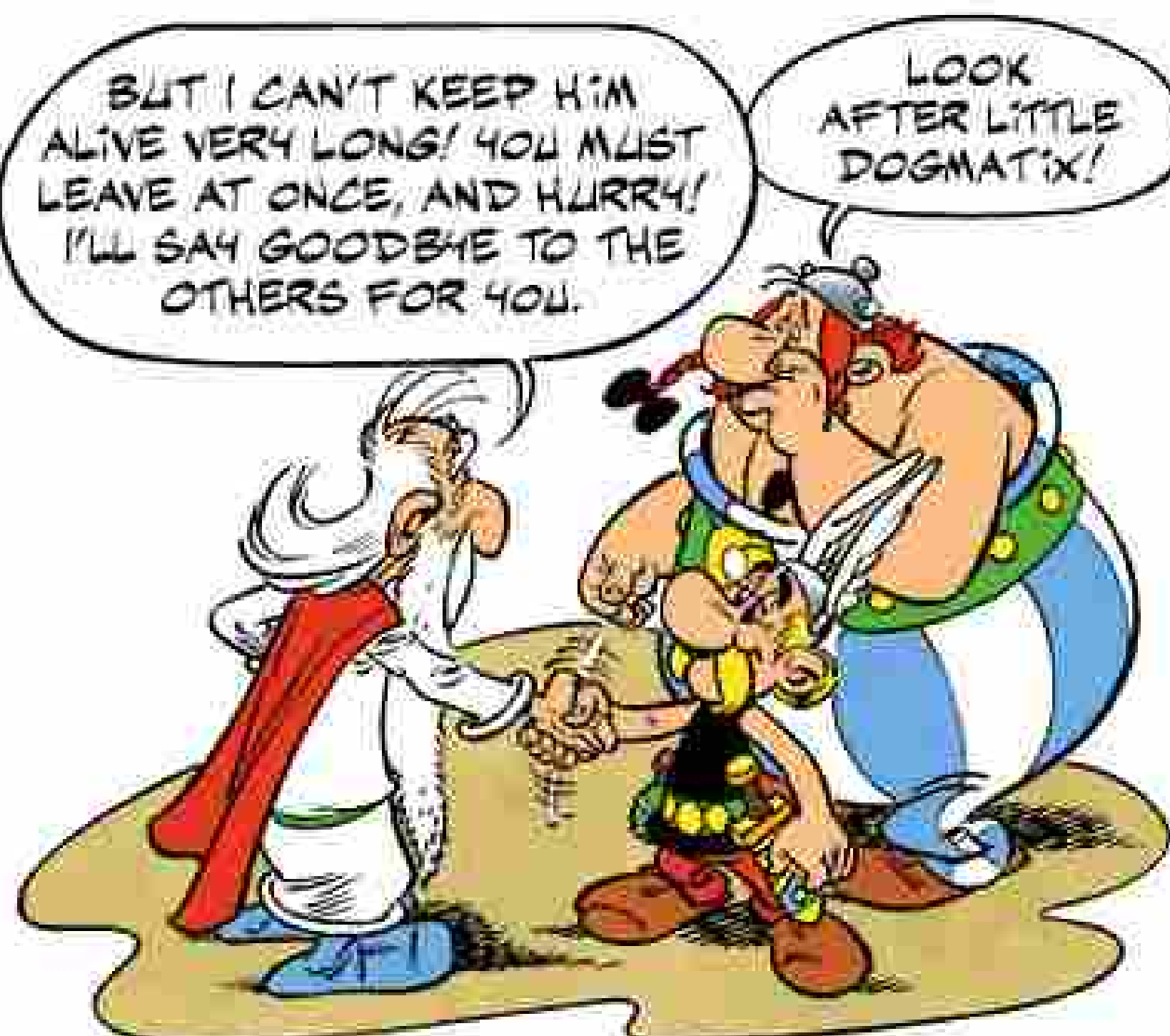
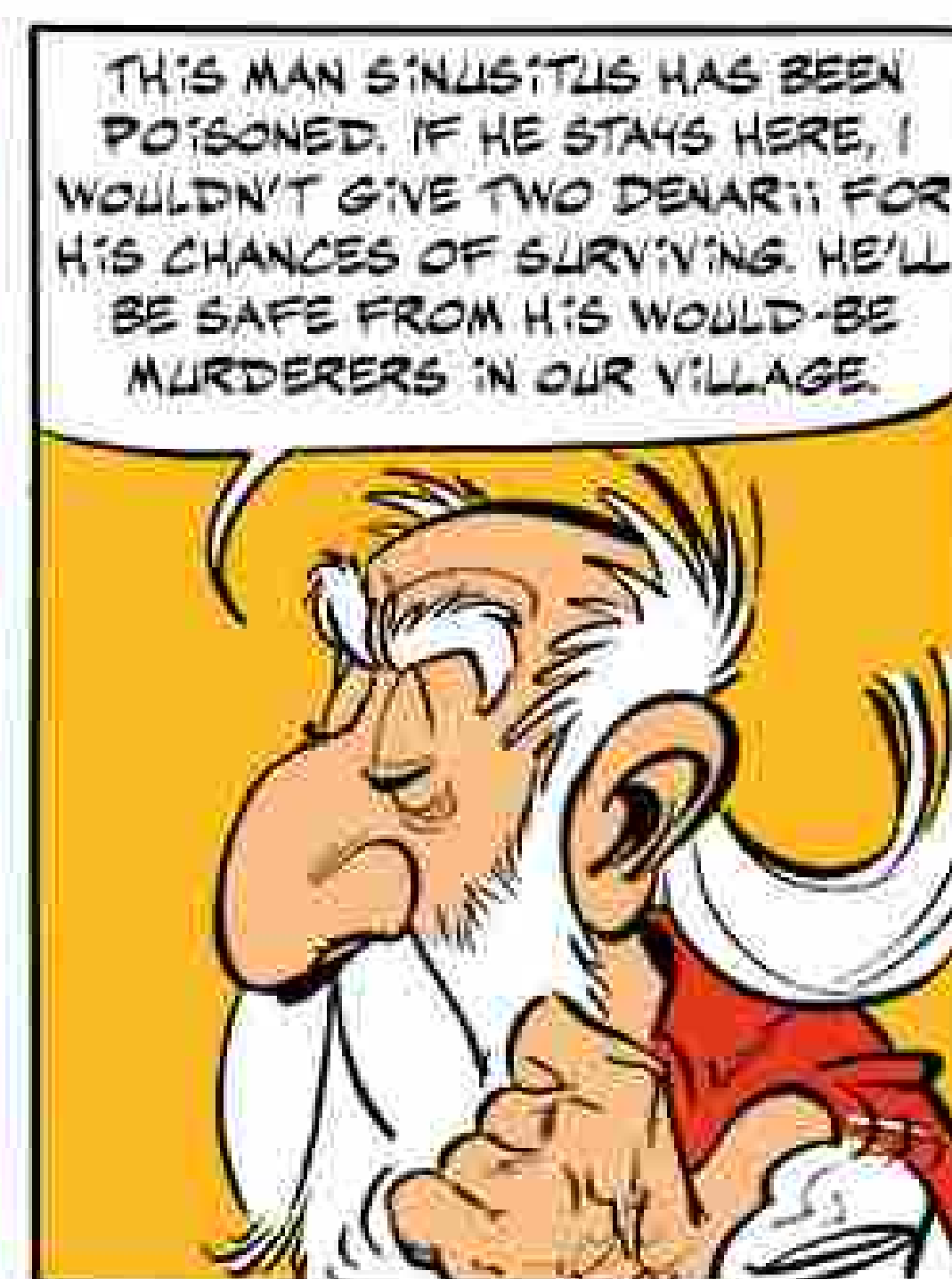












THE NEW CHARIOTWAYS BUILT BY THE ROMANS ALLOW OUR FRIENDS TO TRAVEL FAST

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE HUNGRY? WE'VE ONLY JUST LEFT!

I ALWAYS FEEL HUNGRY WHEN I'M TRAVELLING!

I'VE GOT AN EMPTY HOLE INSIDE ME, JUST HERE.

II MILIA PASSVVM

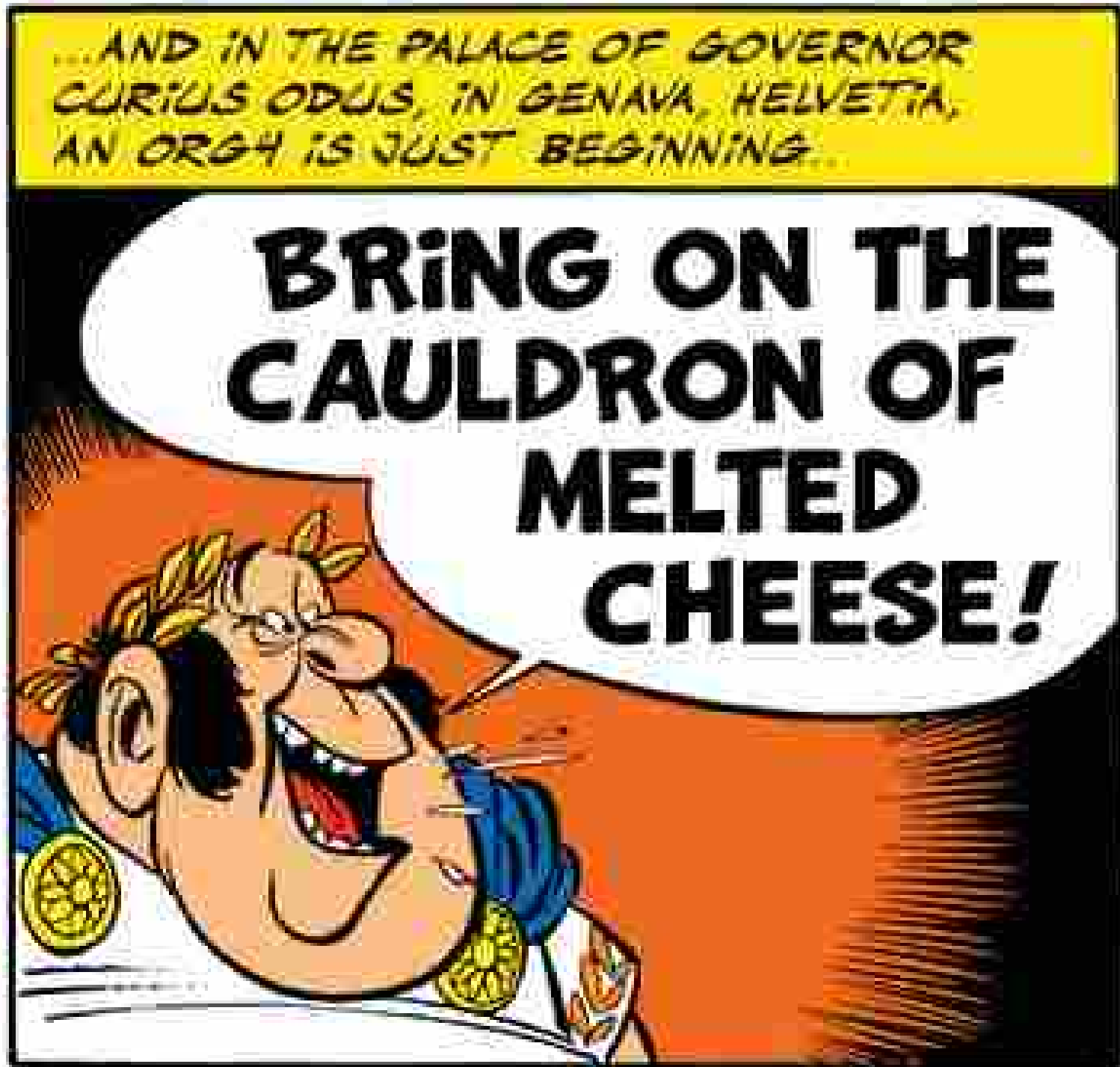
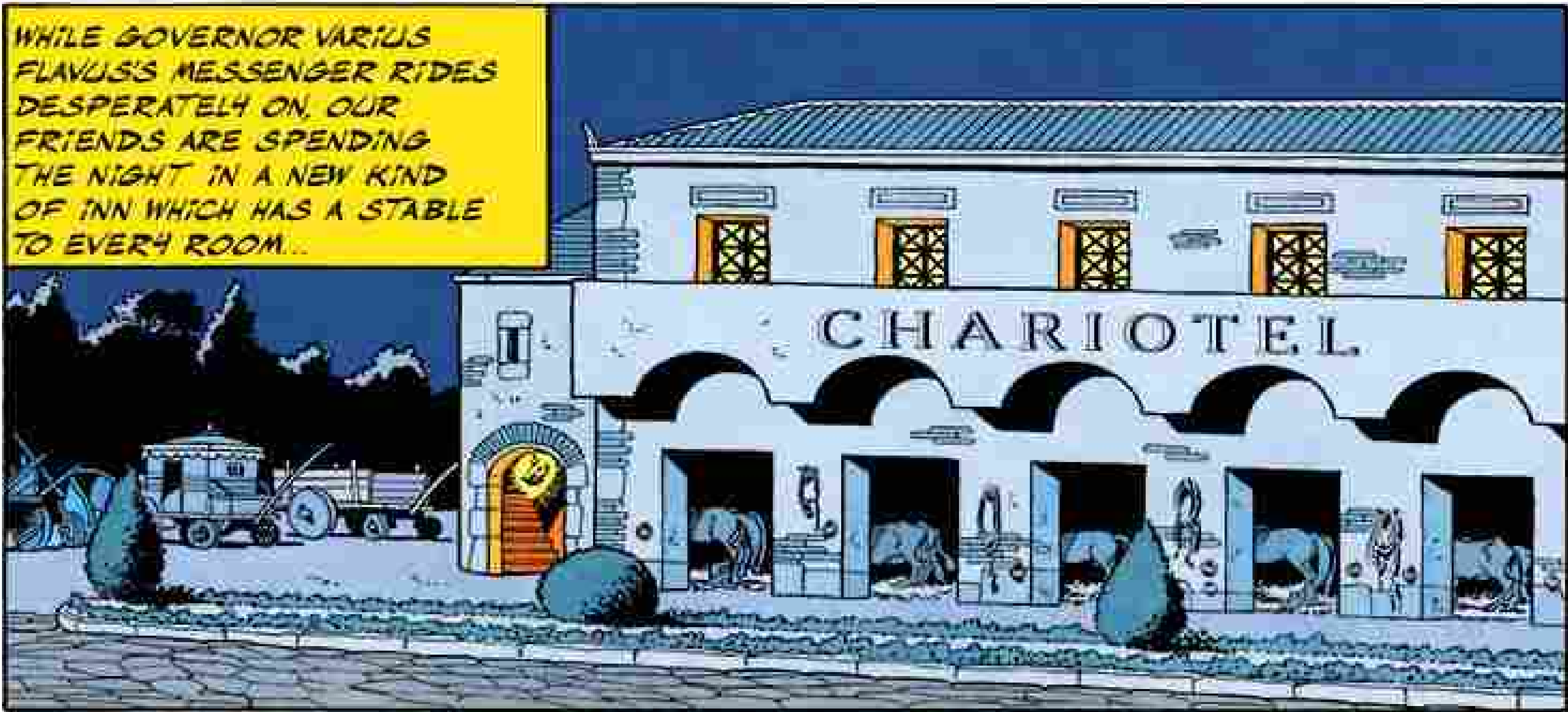
LOOK, OBELIX! WE CAN STOP TO EAT THERE.

SERVITUTES

YES, IT'S VERY NICE. WITH LUCK, YOU'LL SEE SOME ACCIDENTS ON THE CHARIOTWAY WHILE YOU EAT...

MEANWHILE...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD THAT COLD BEAR BLACK PUDDING... IT COULD BE INDIGESTIBLE... ANYWAY, AN ORGY'S NO FUN ON YOUR OWN.

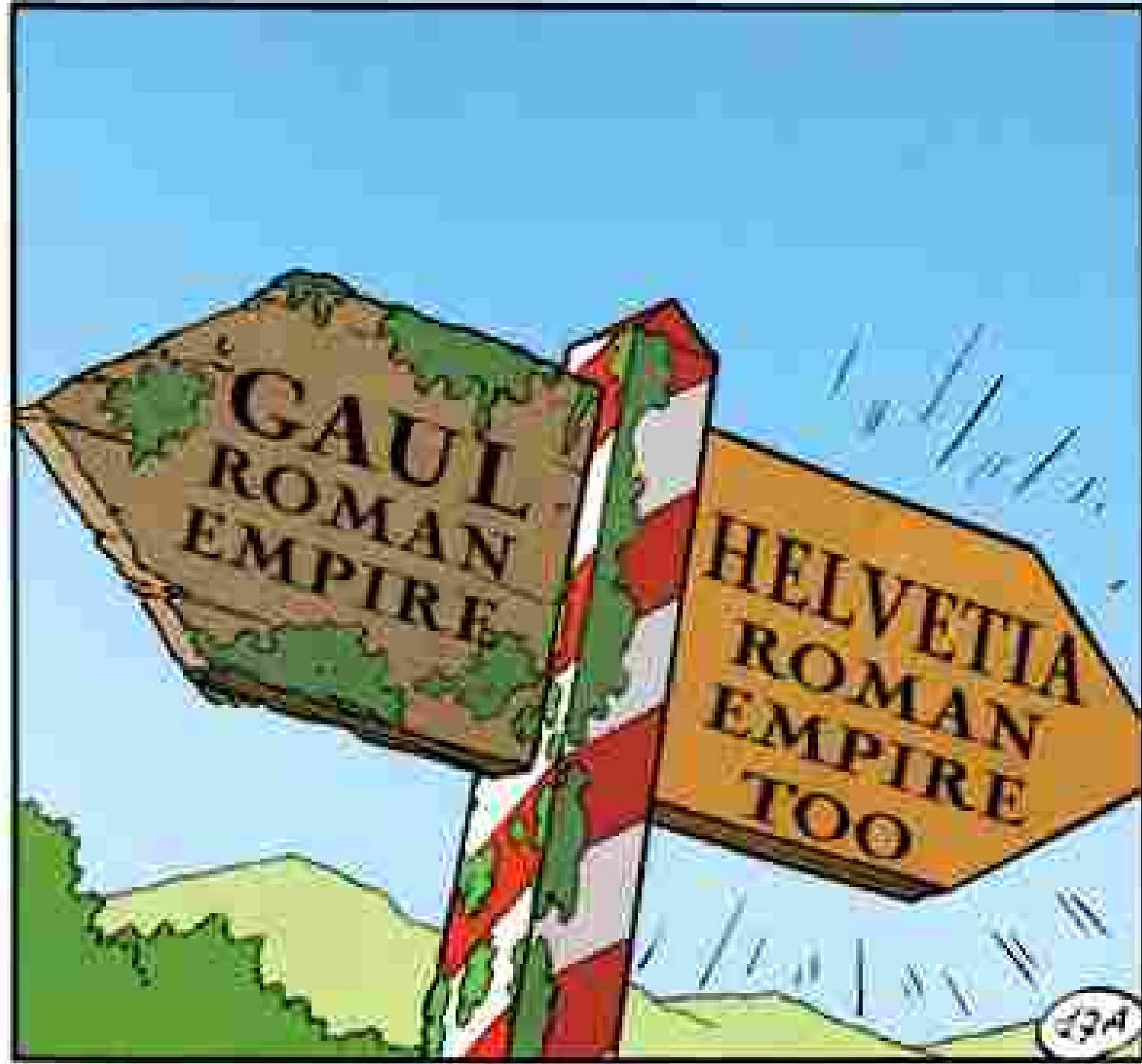


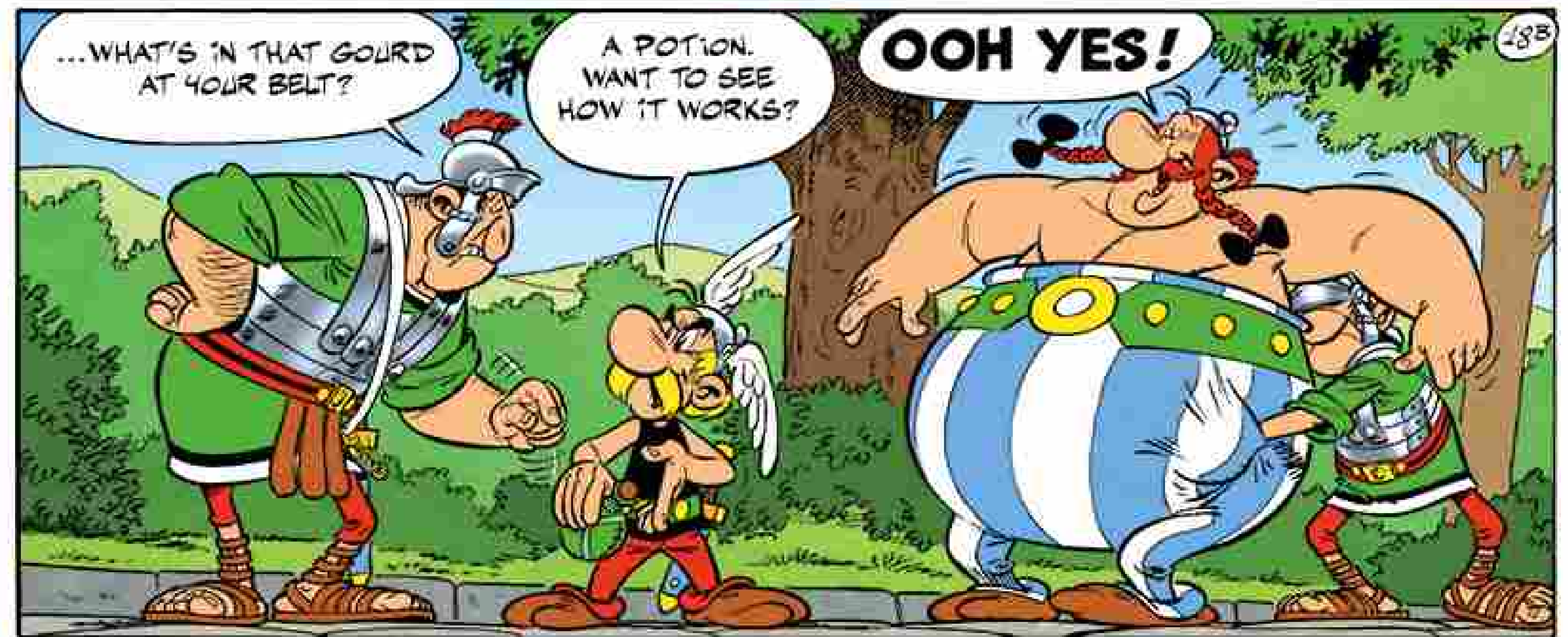
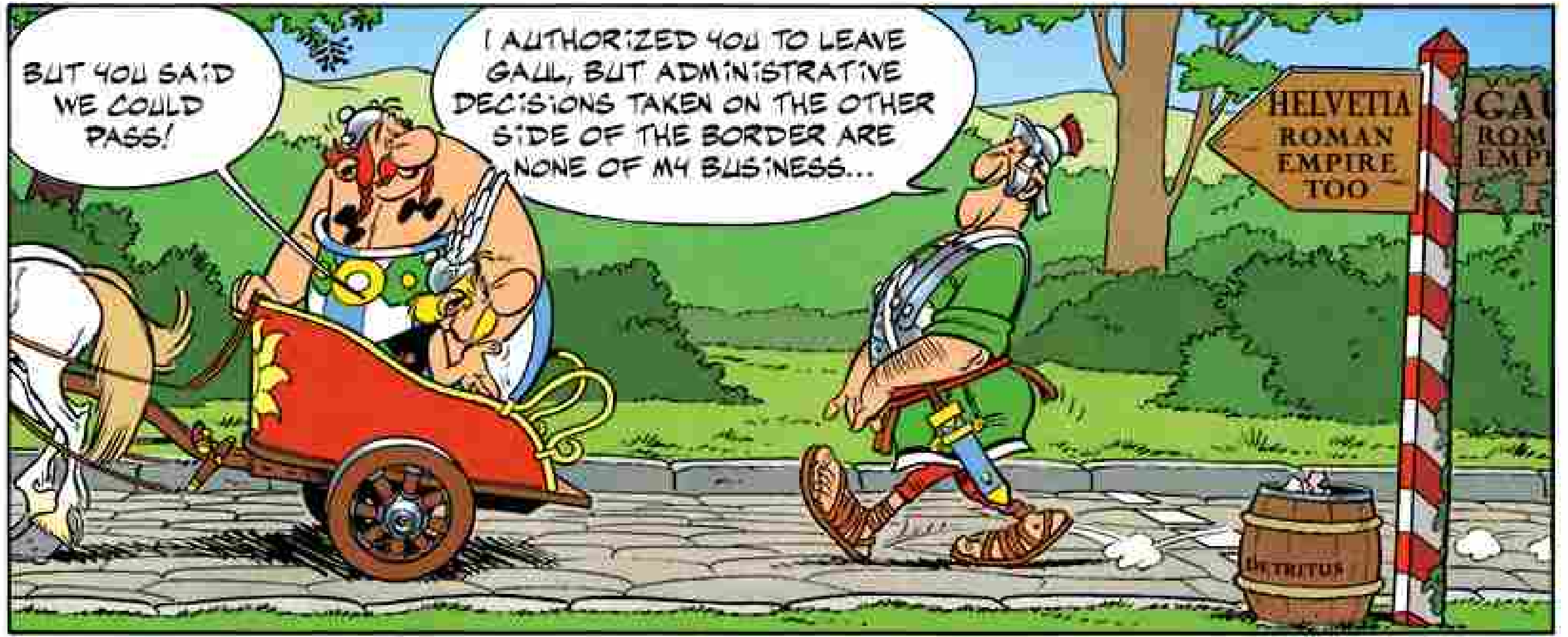
OUR FRIENDS HAVE A FEW
SETBACKS ON THEIR WAY, IN
PARTICULAR A BROKEN WHEEL

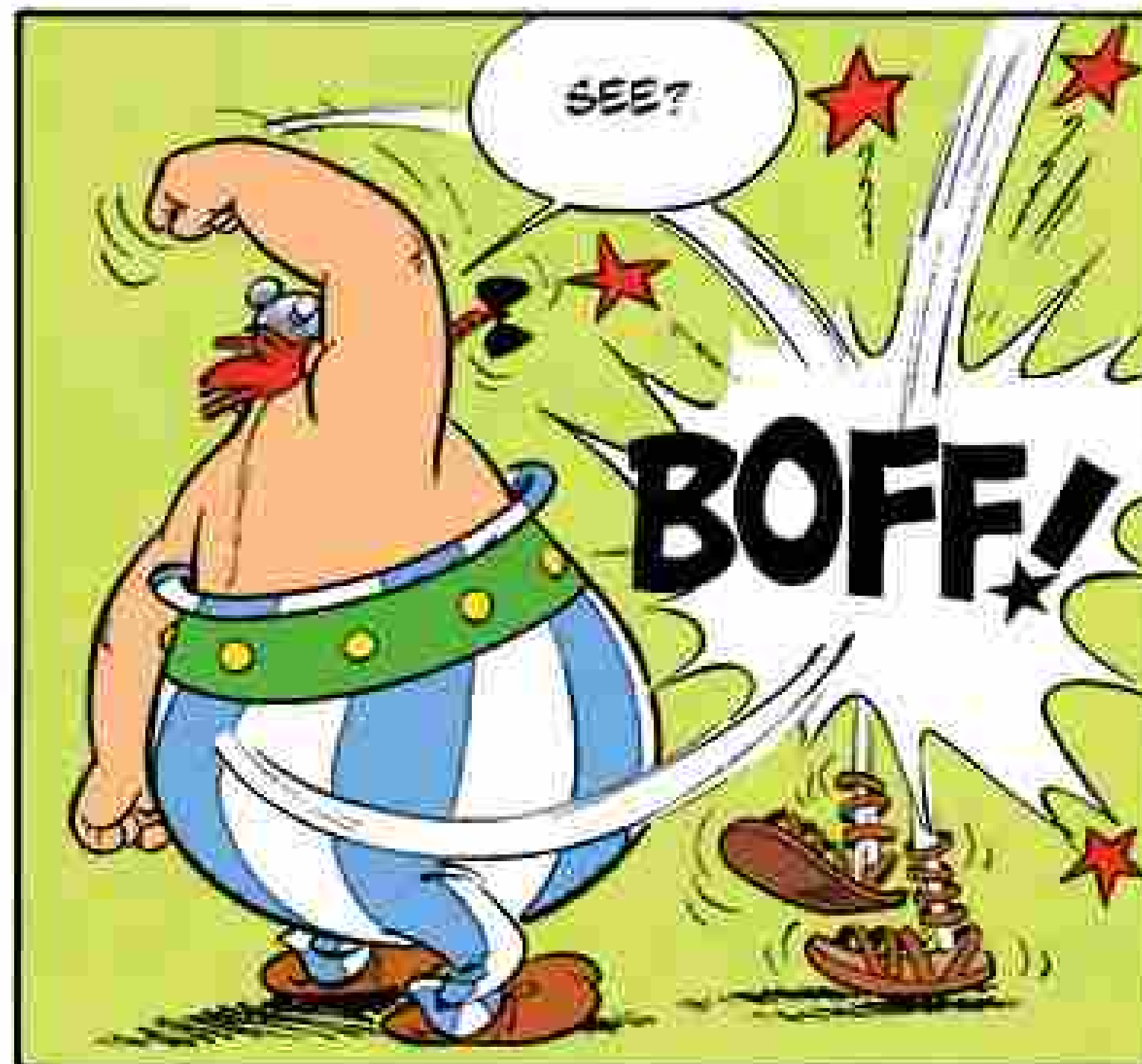


TOO MUCH TIME, IN FACT,
FOR IN GENOVA...





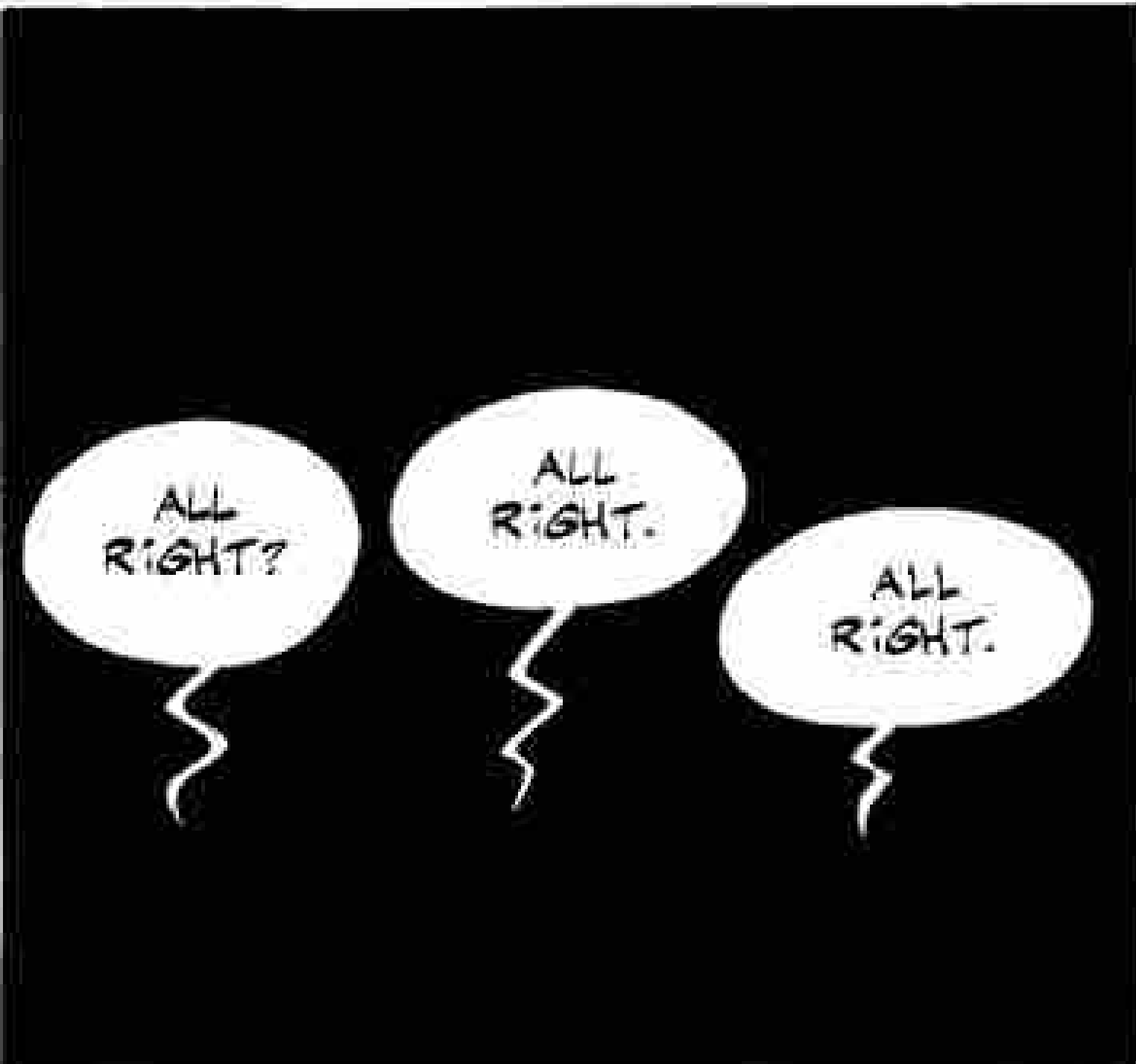
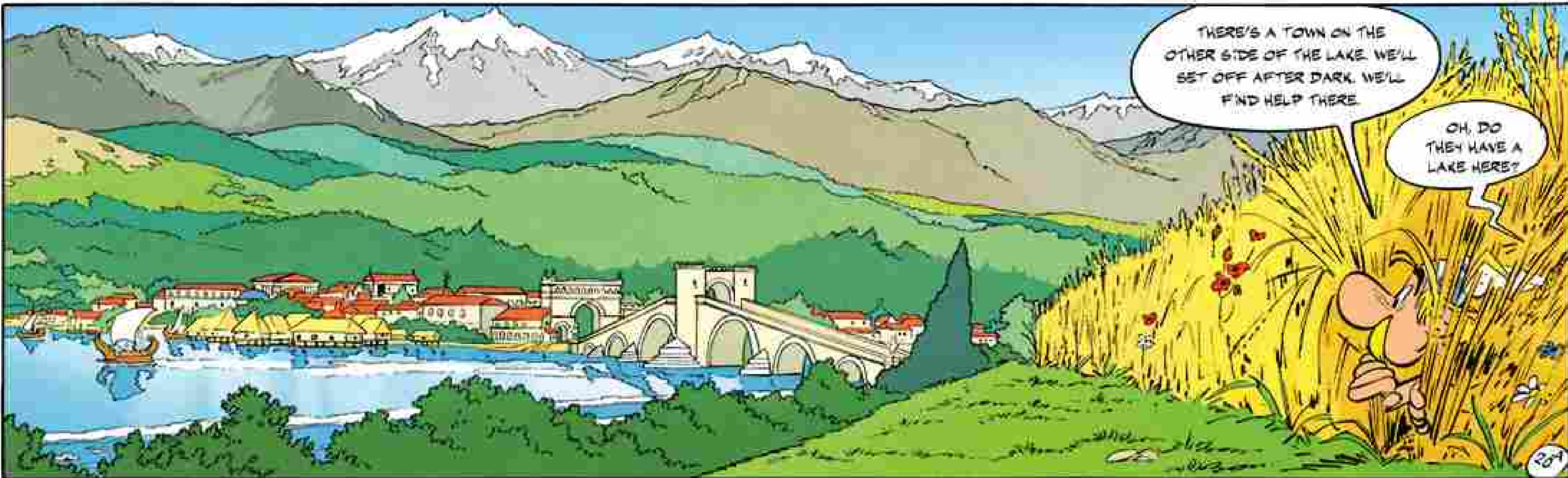


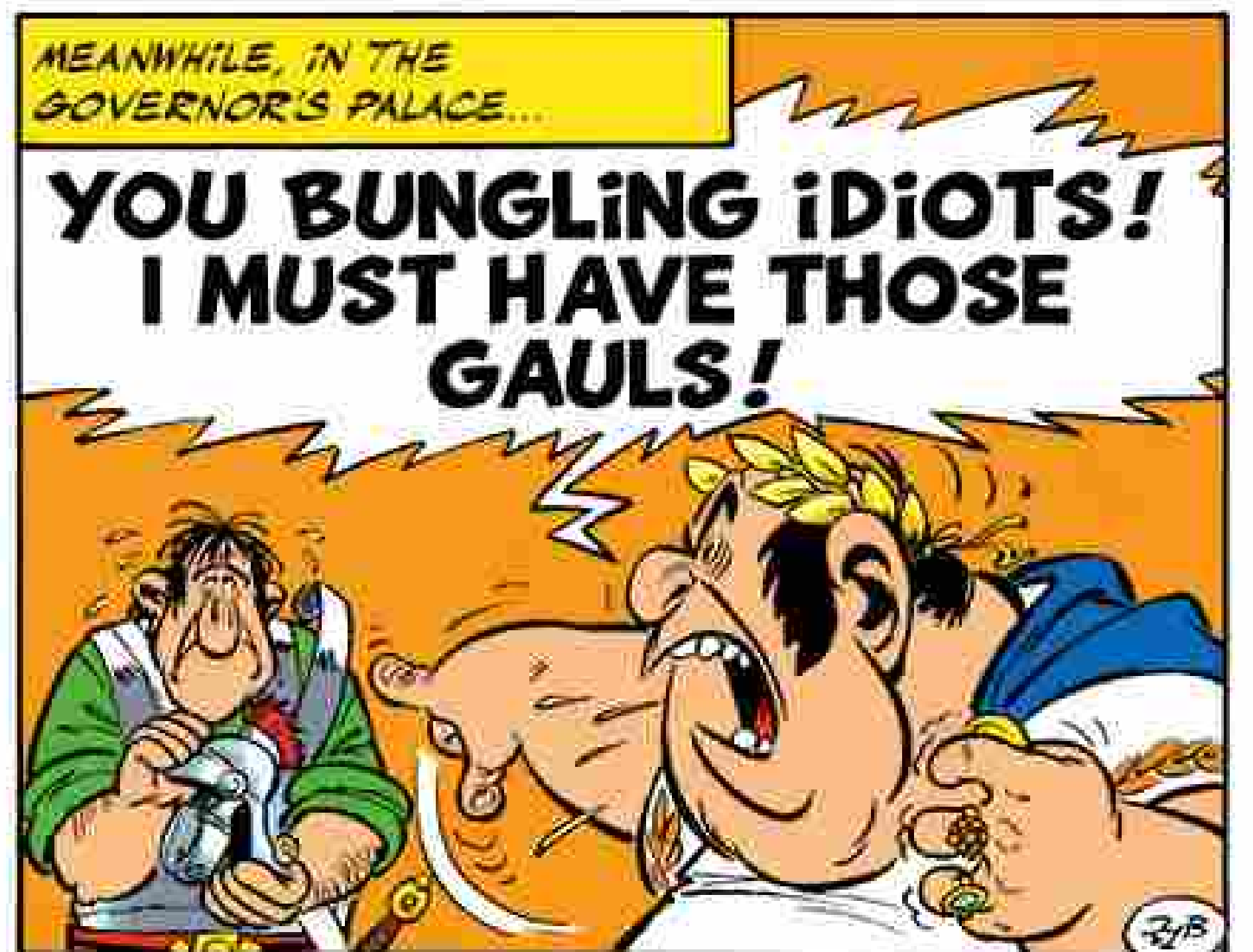
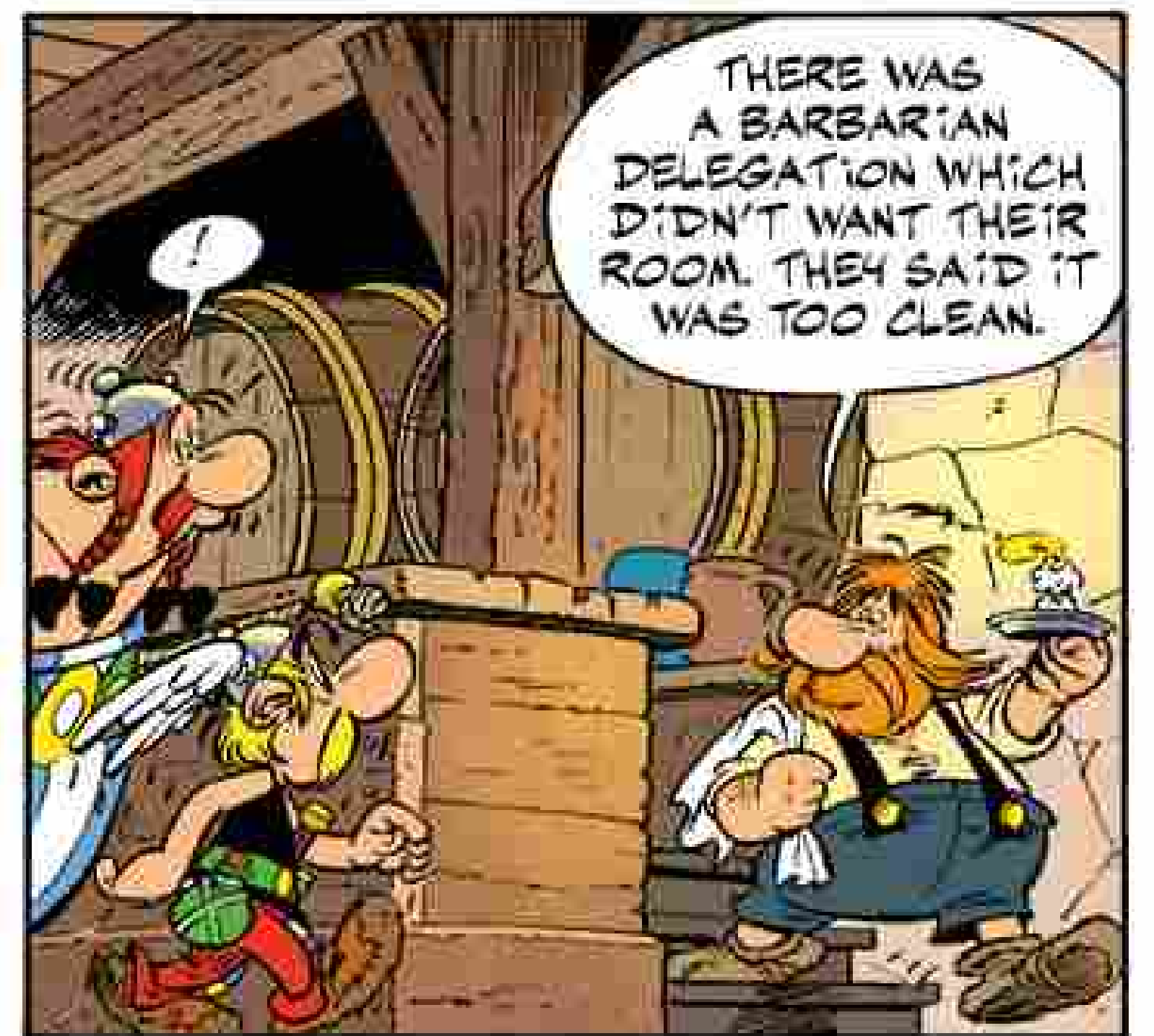
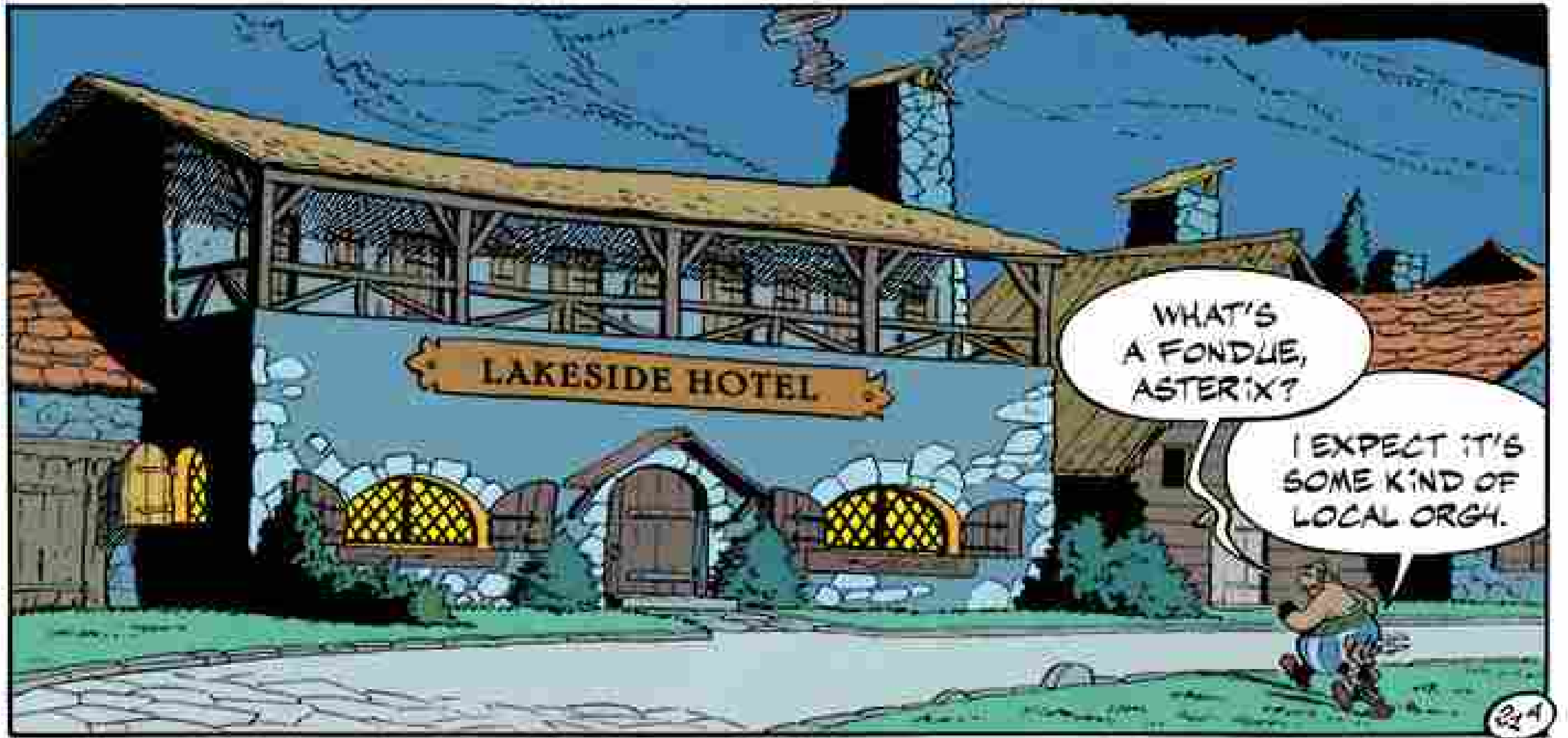


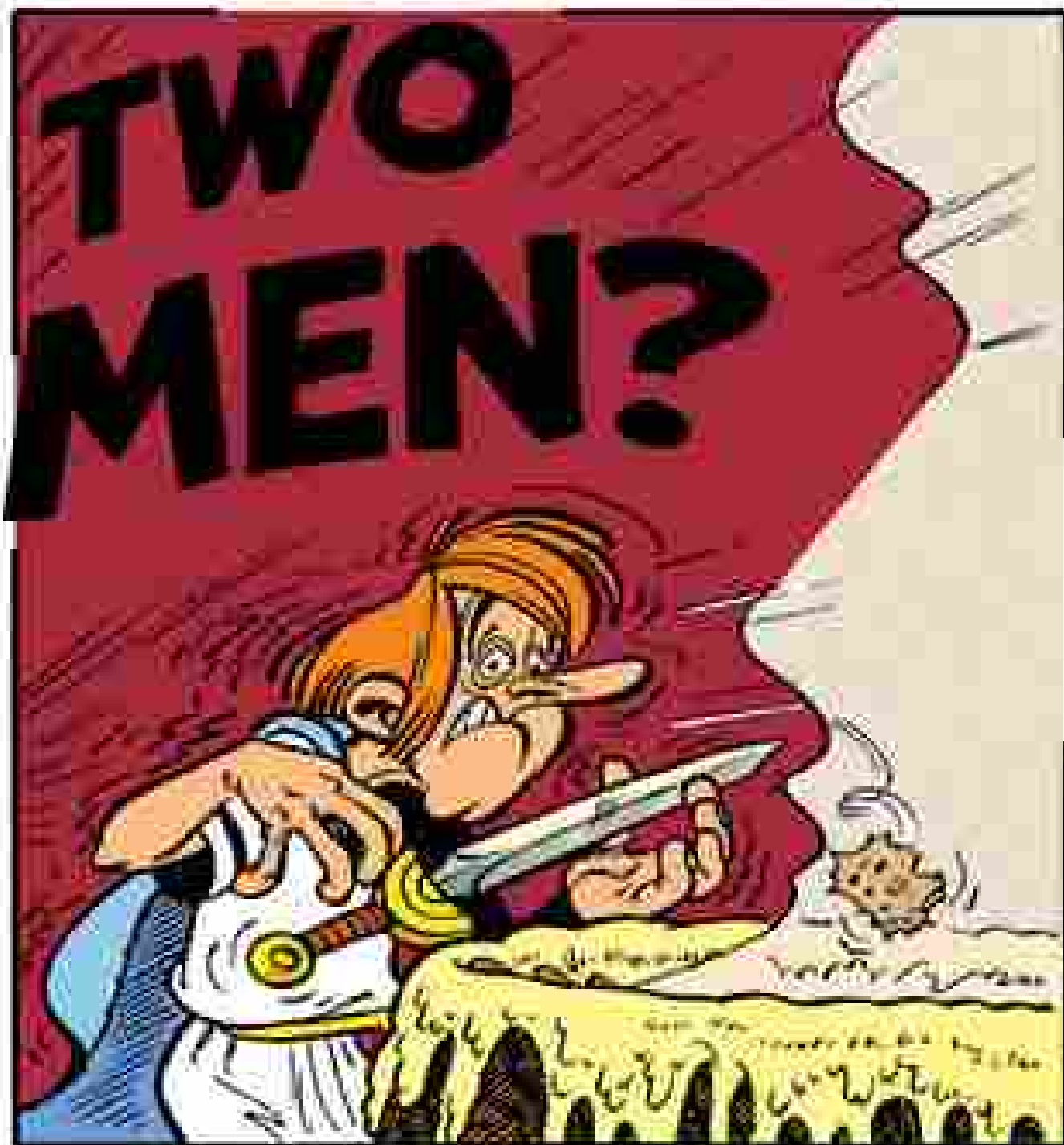
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MAIOR E LONGINQUO REVERENTIA.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.

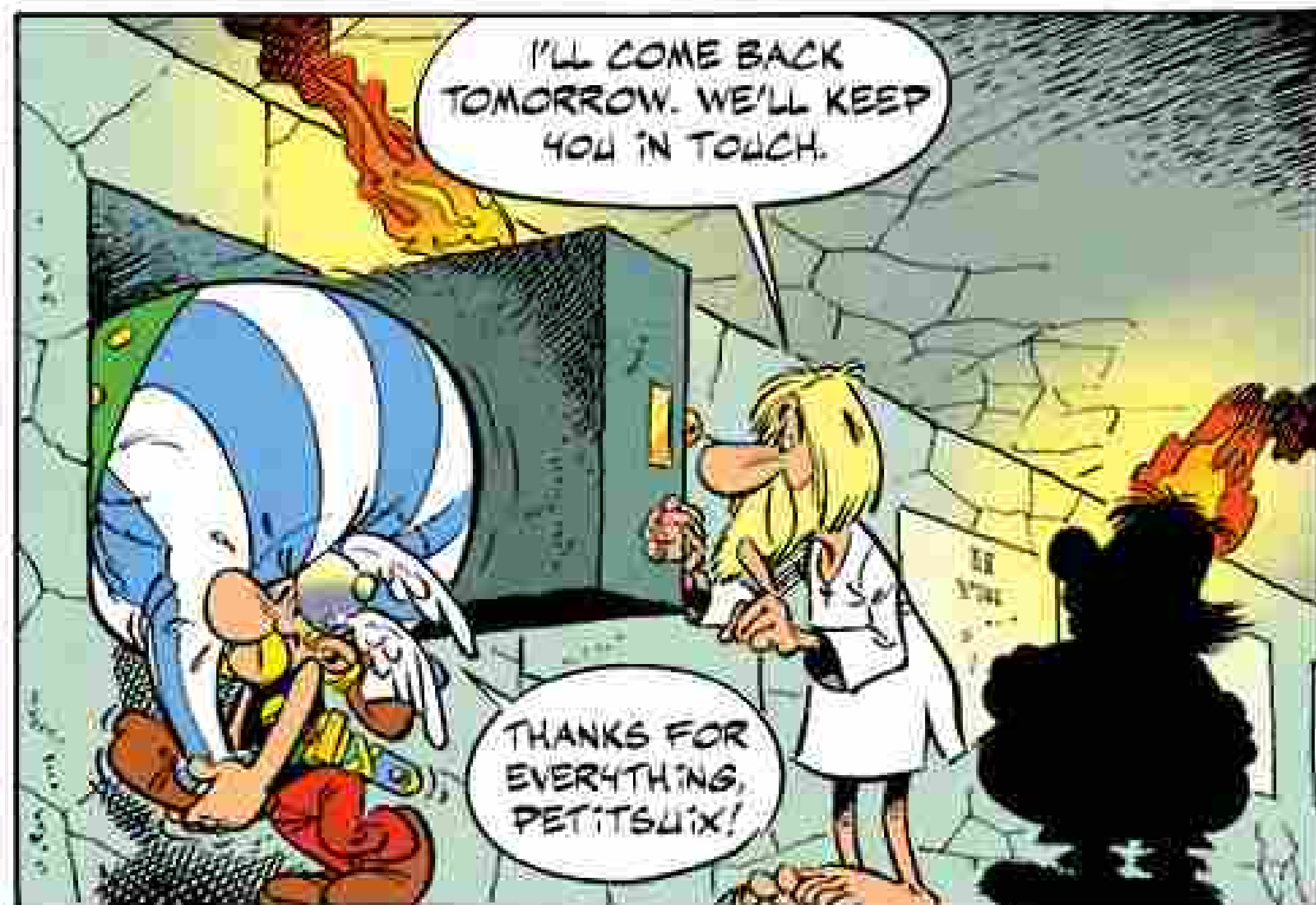
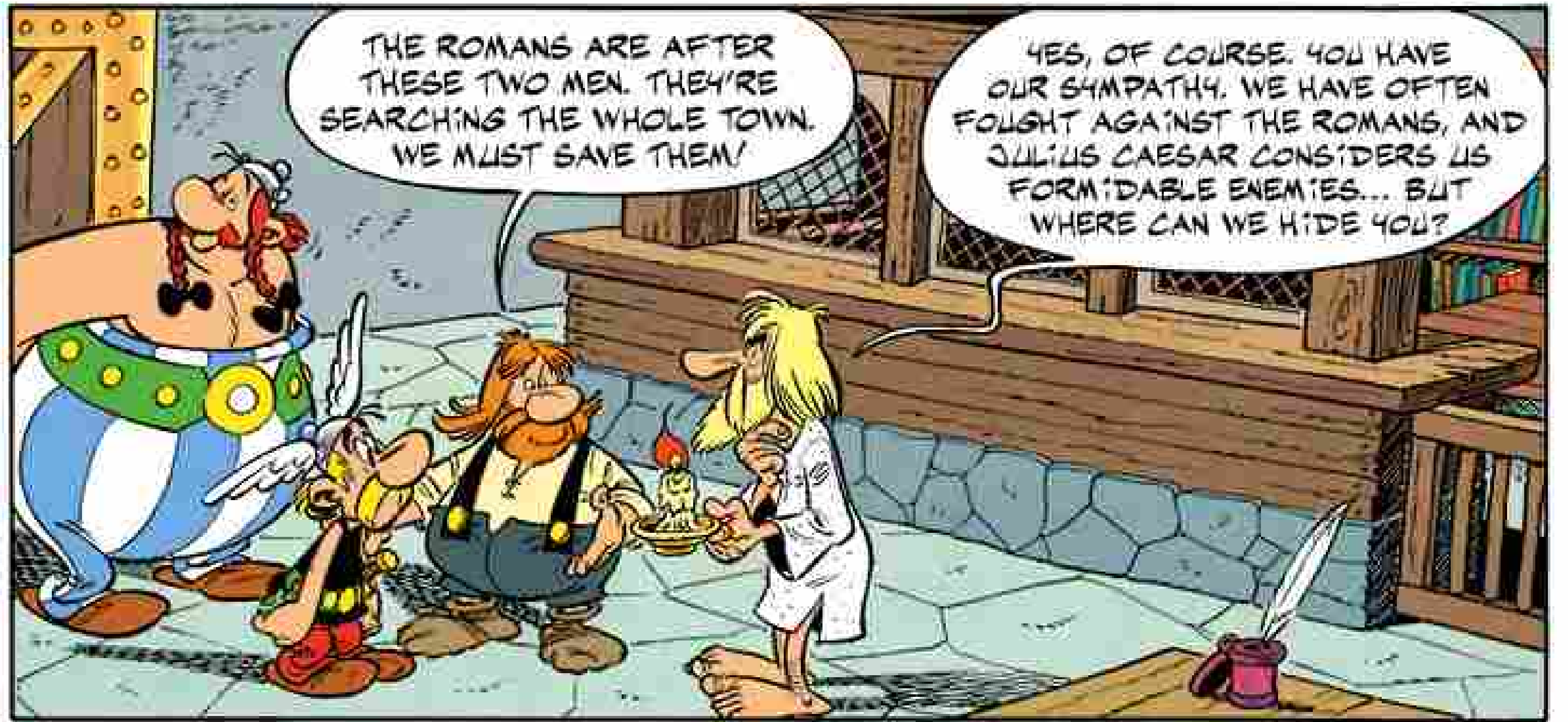


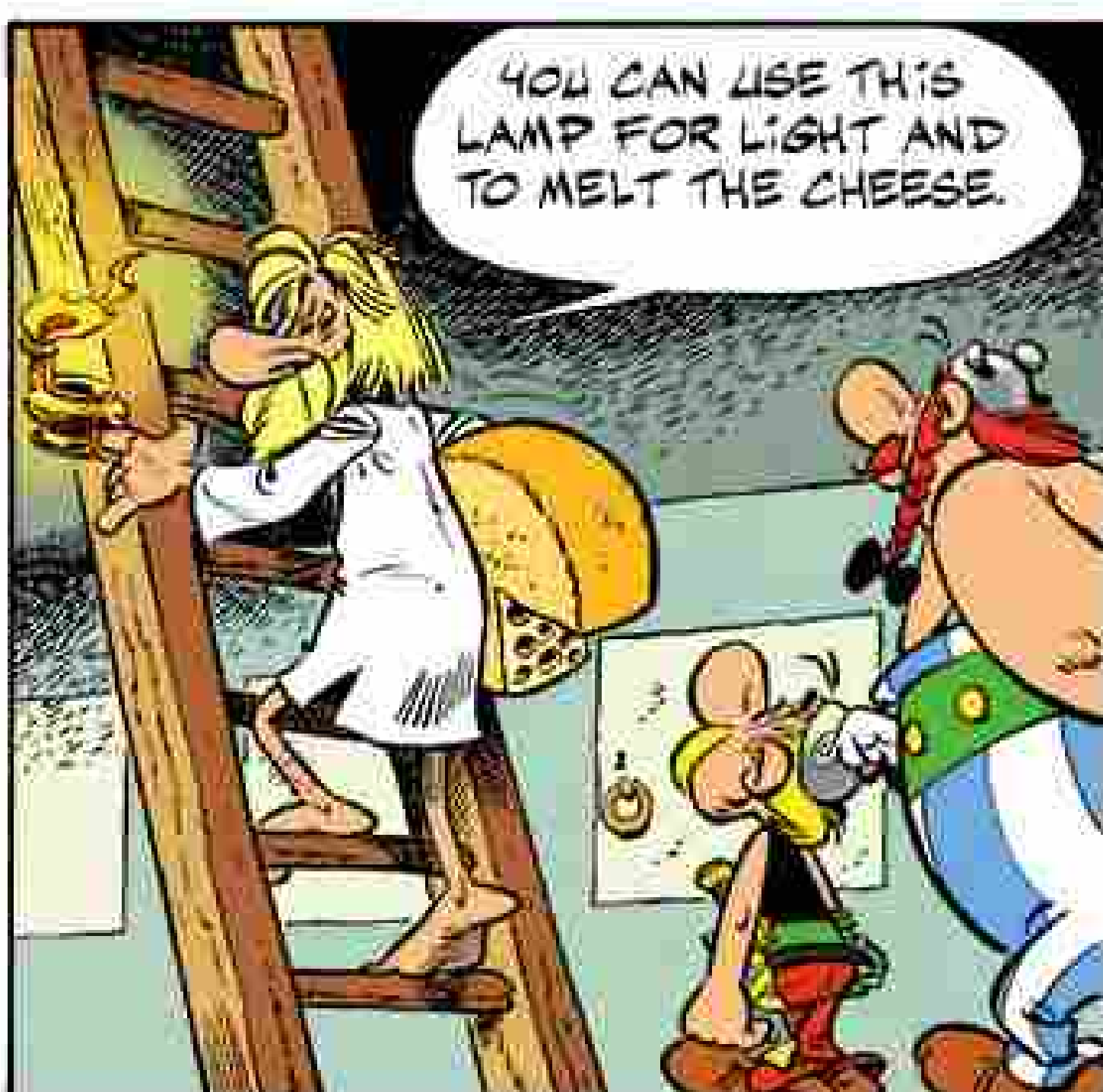
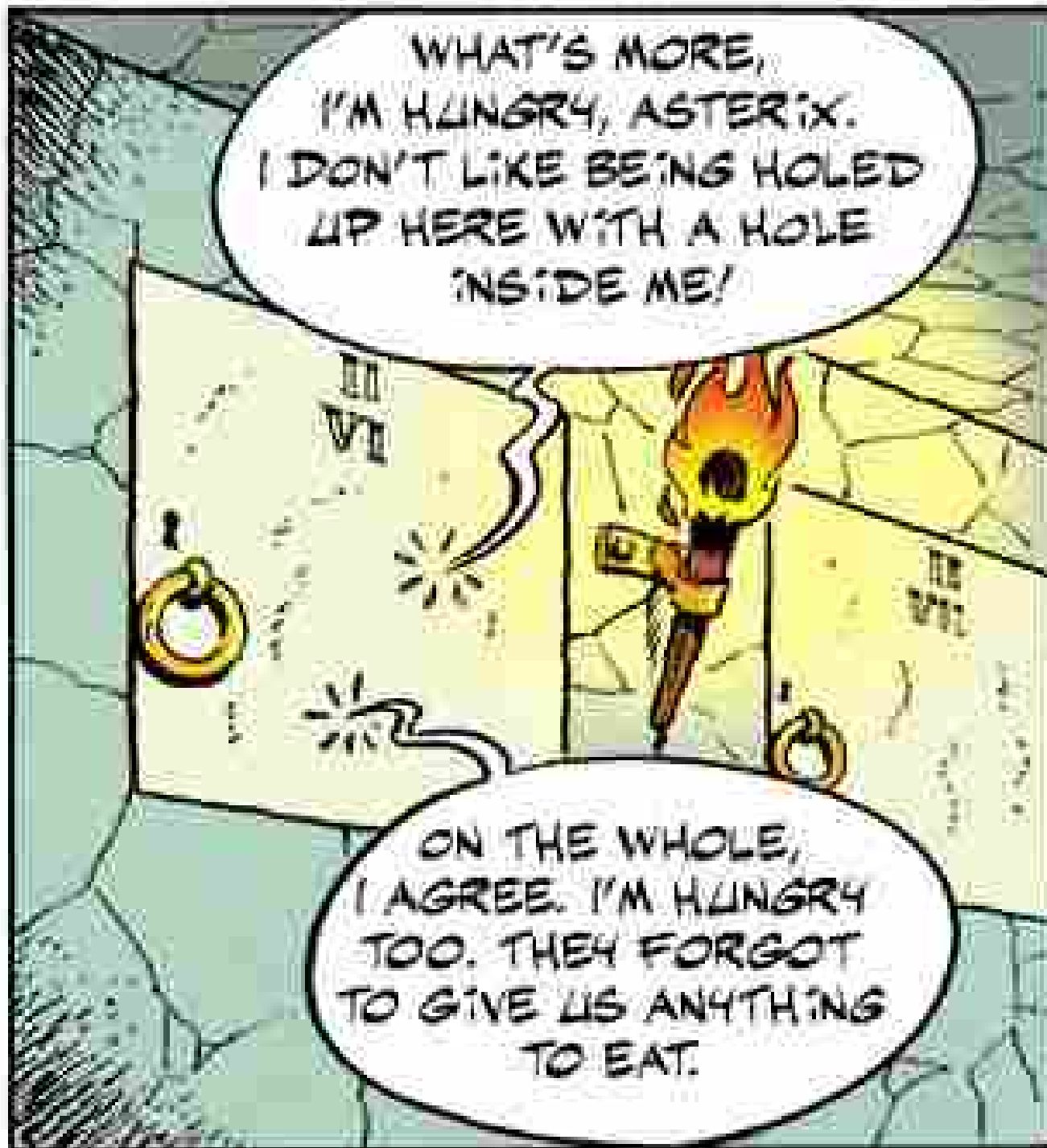


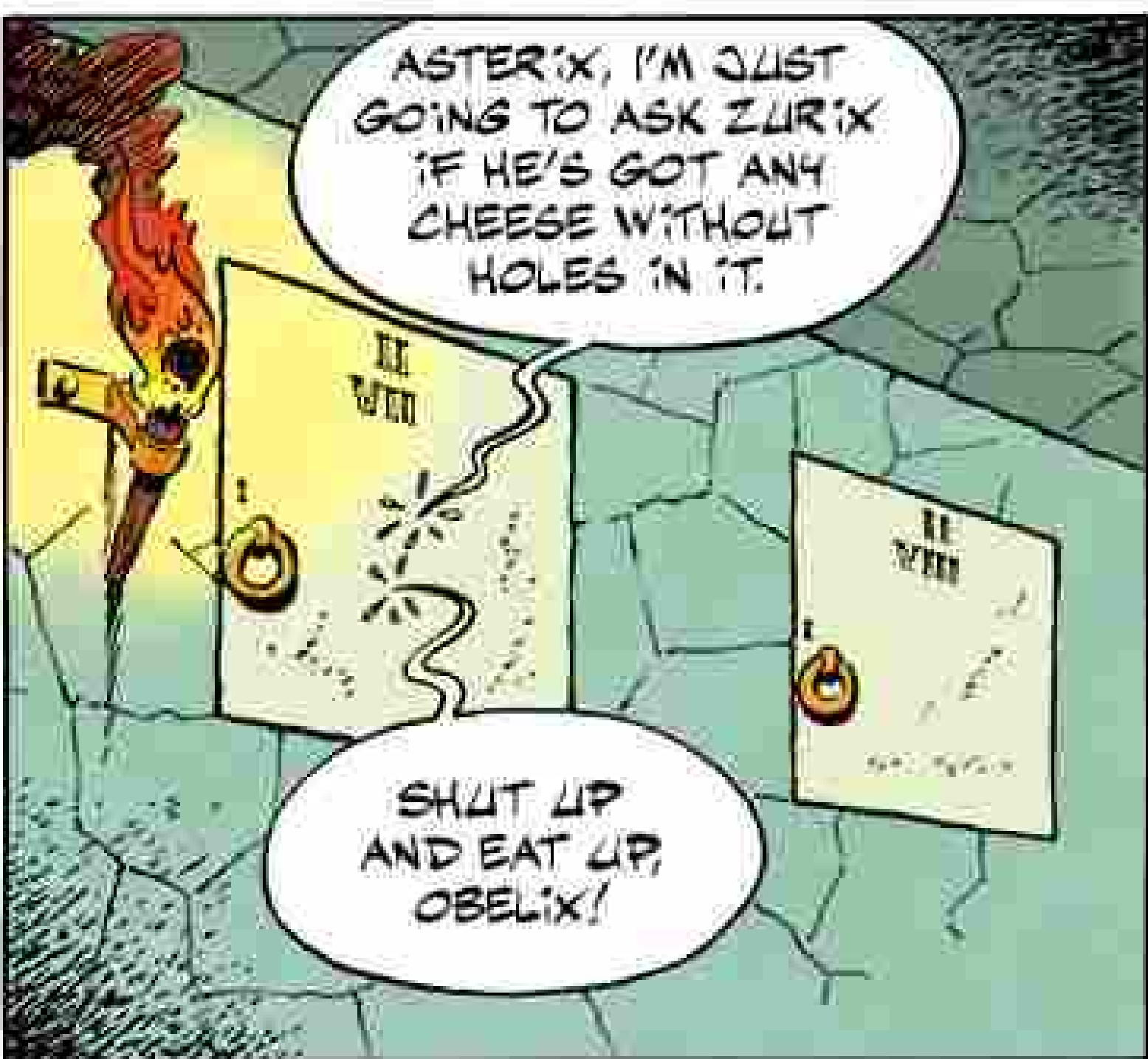
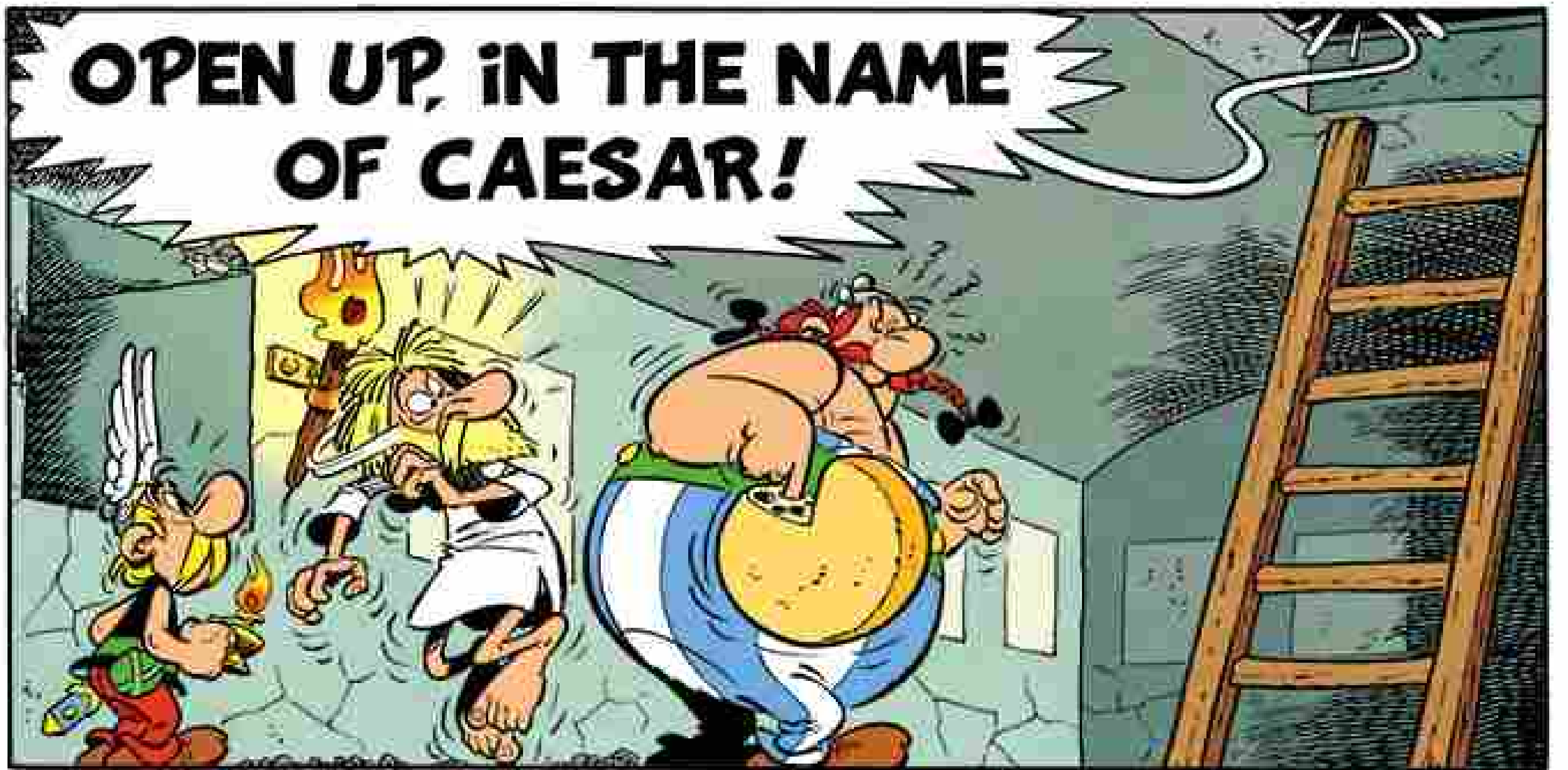




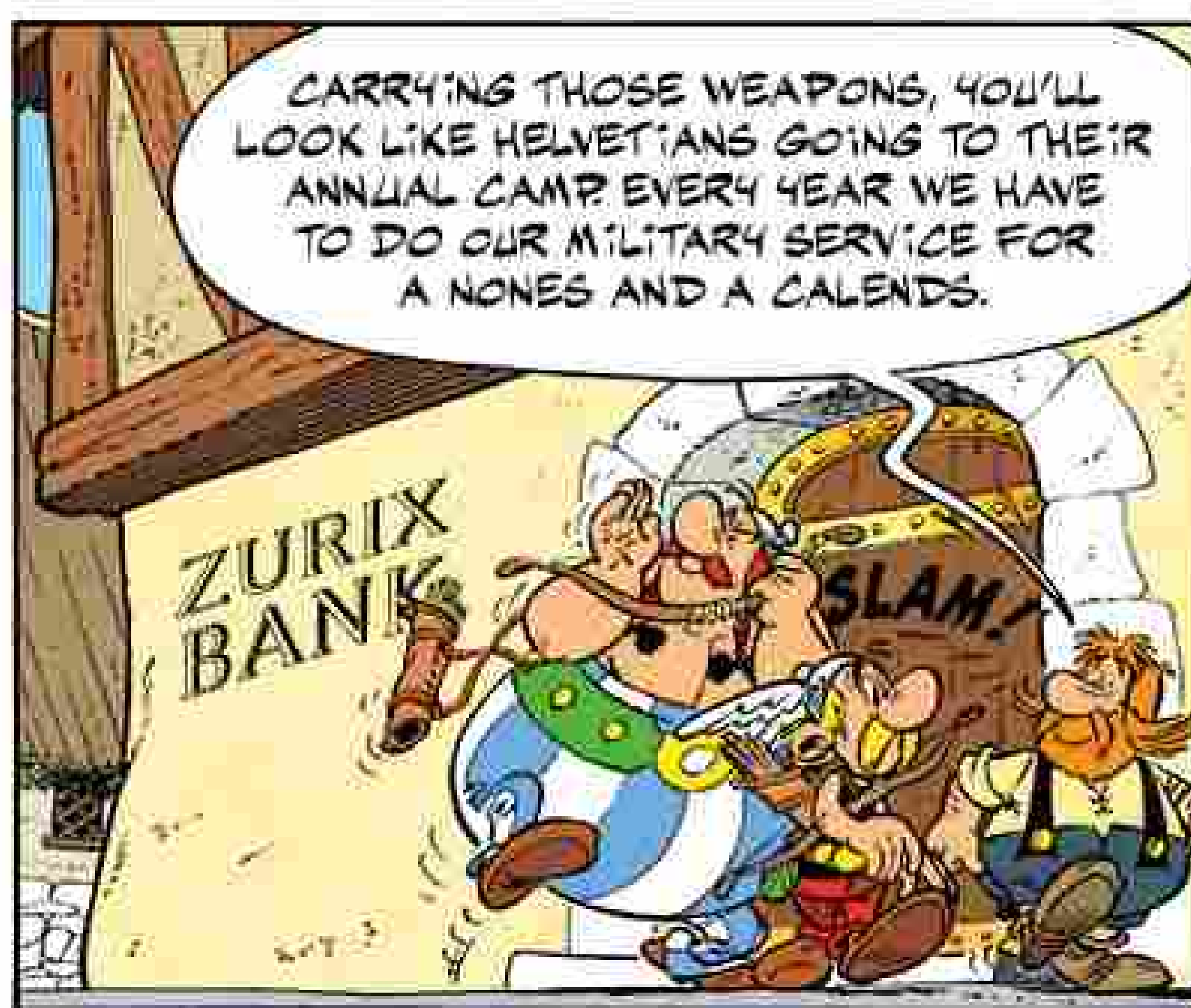
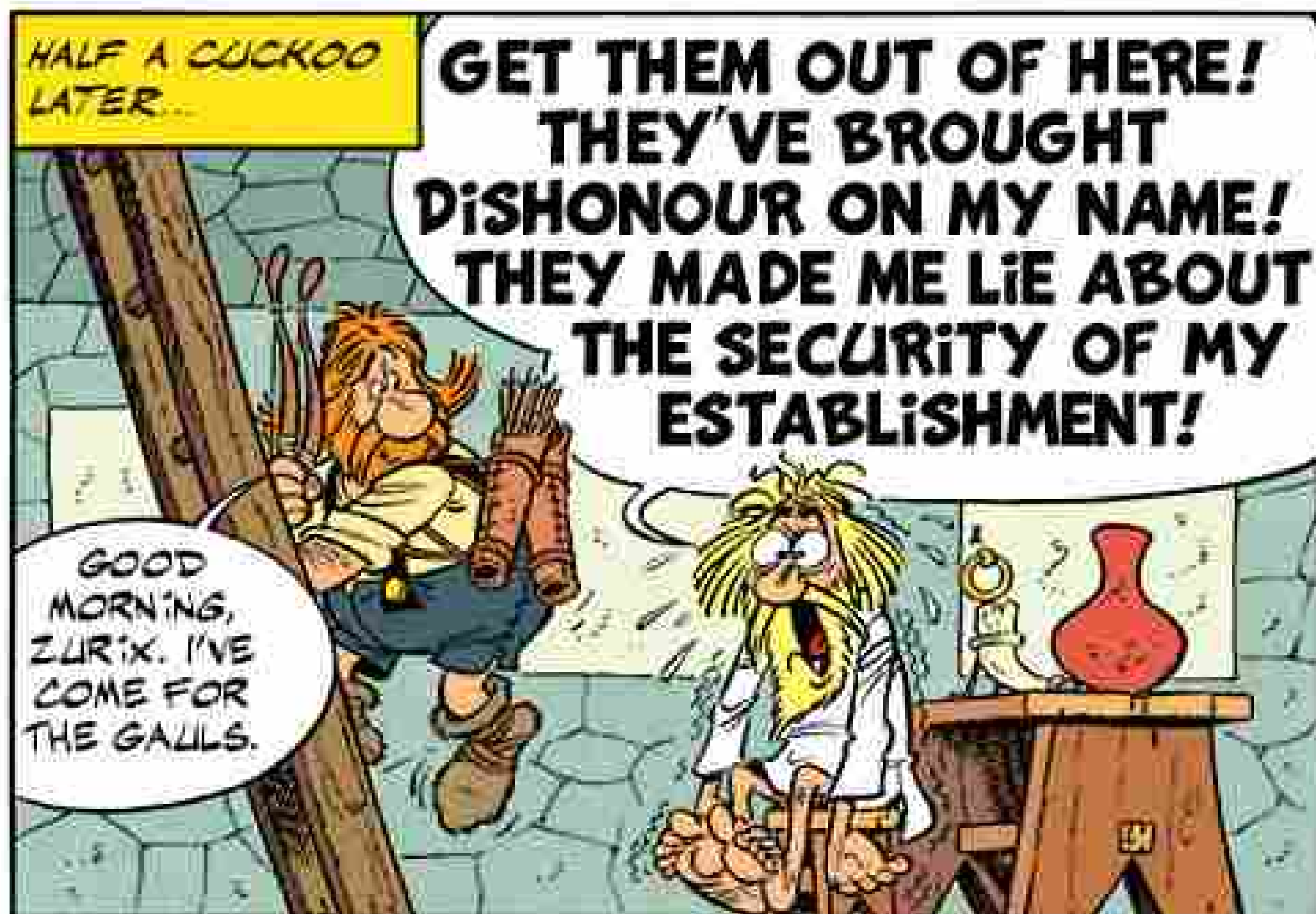
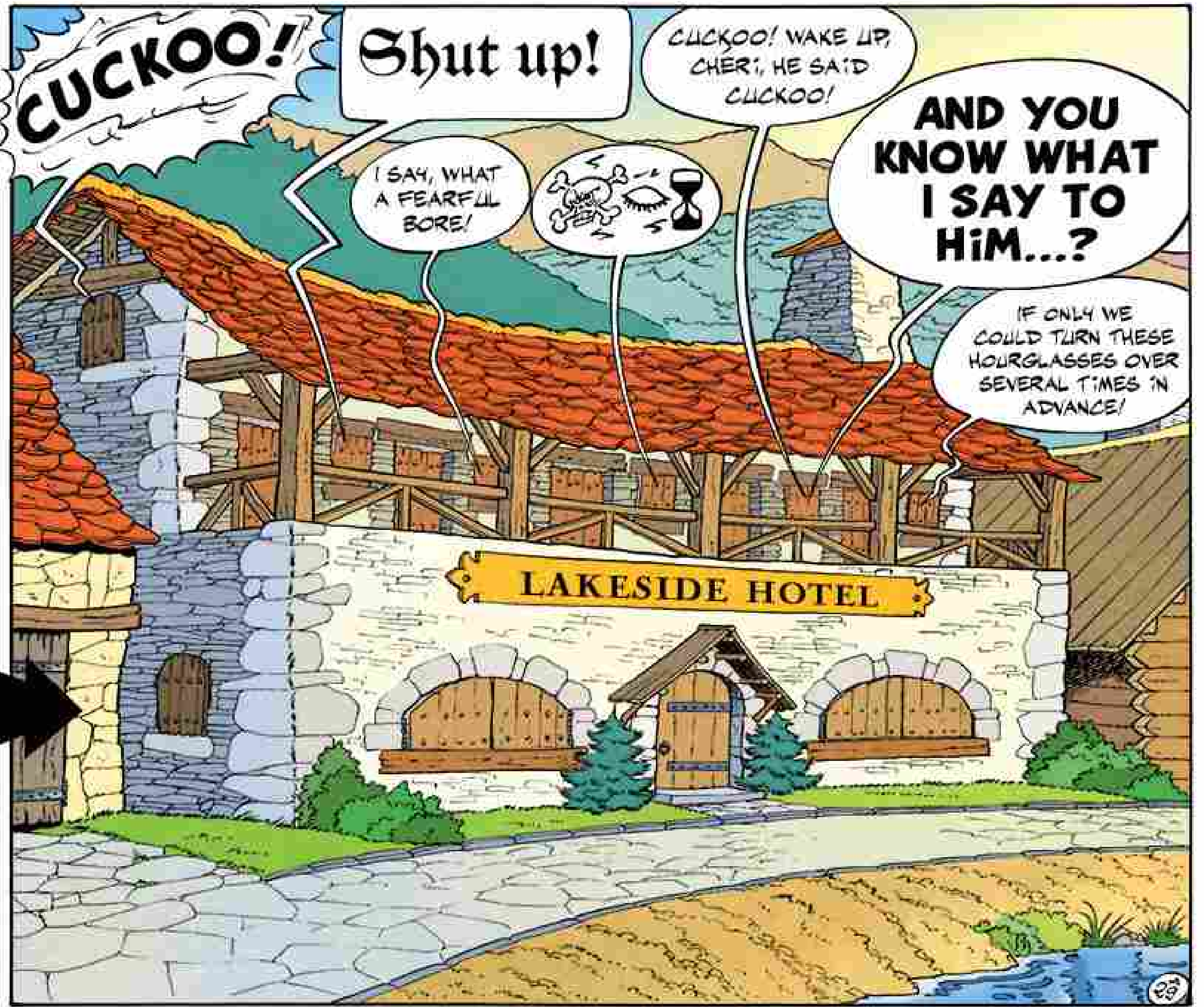


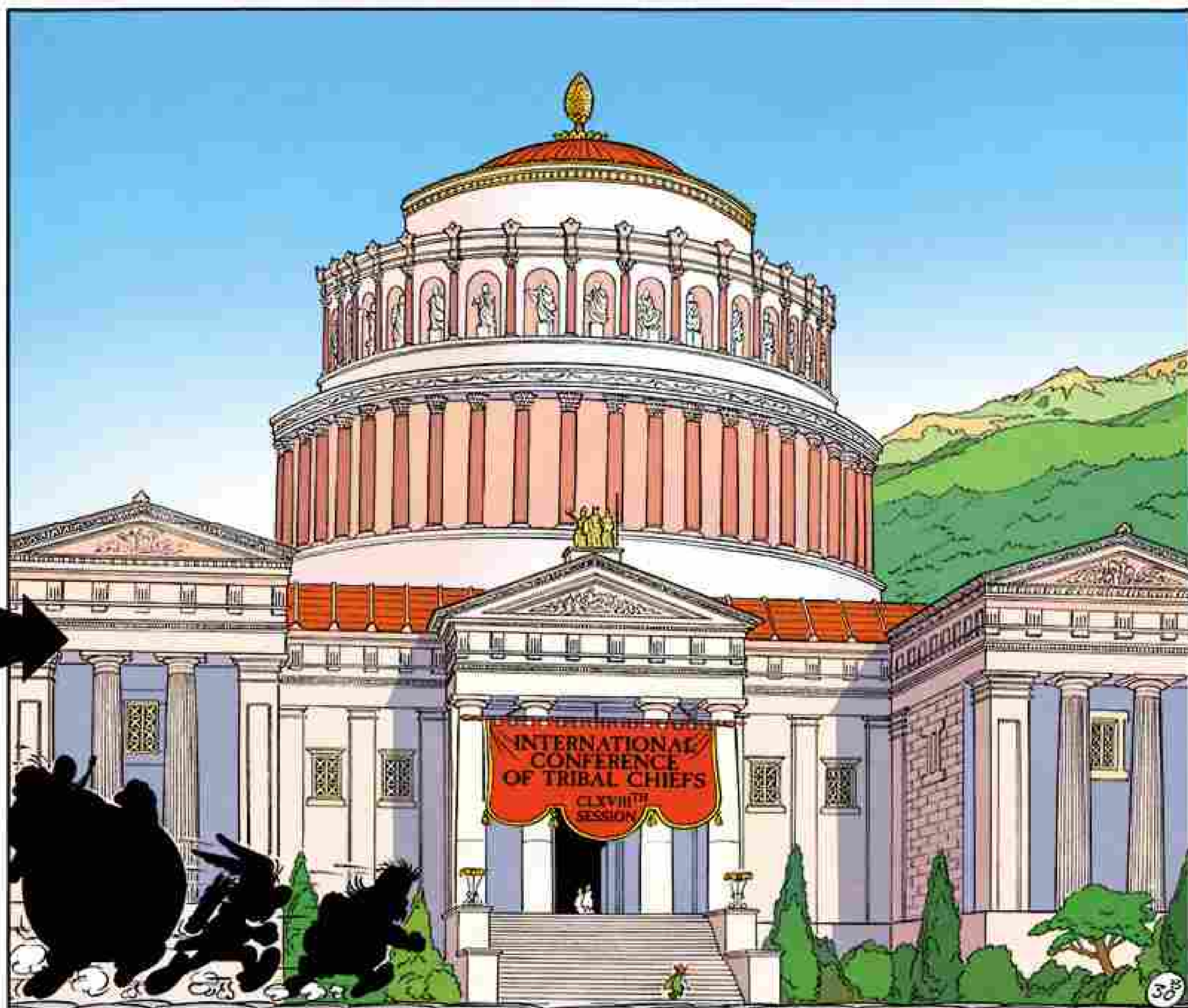


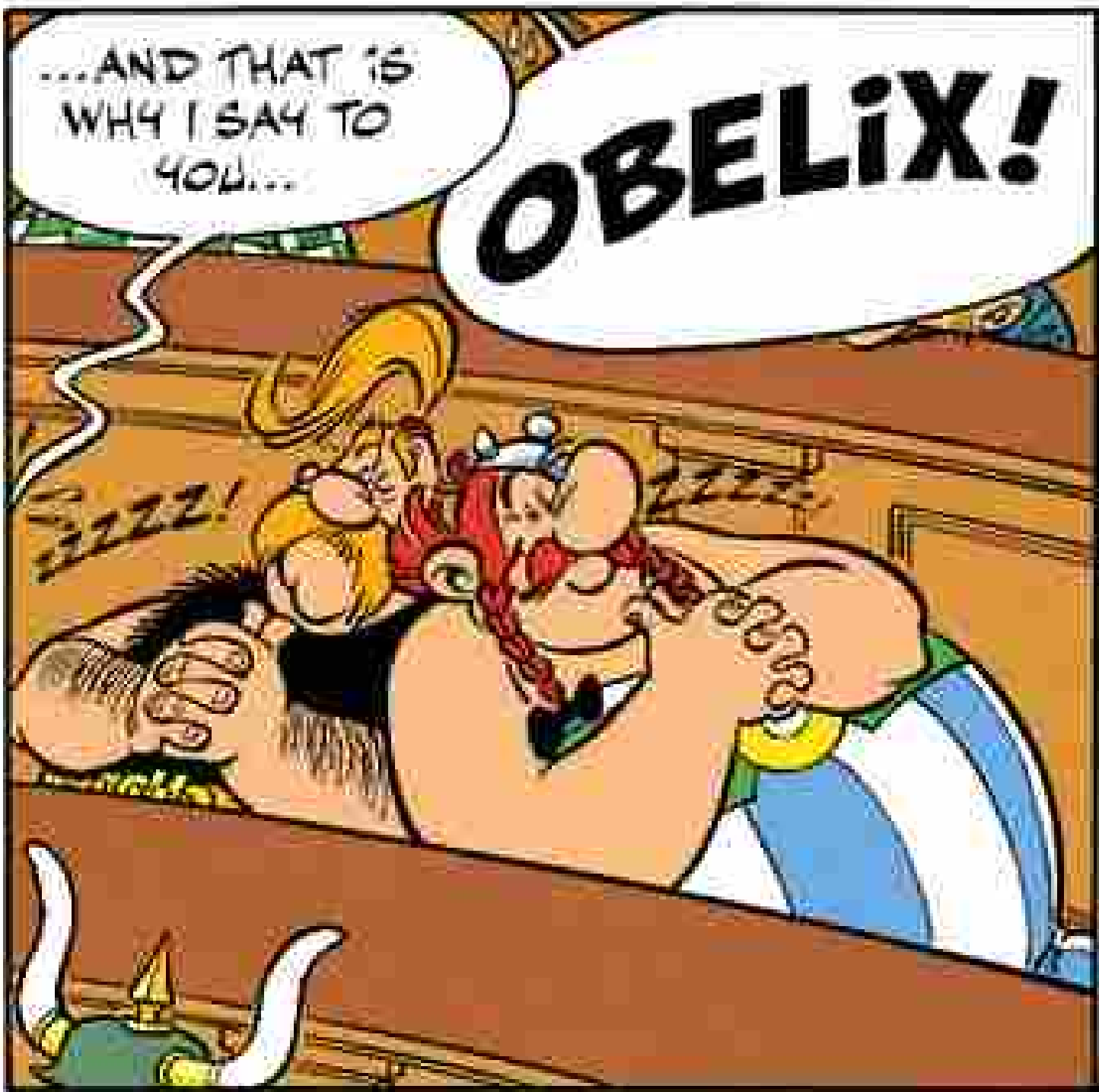
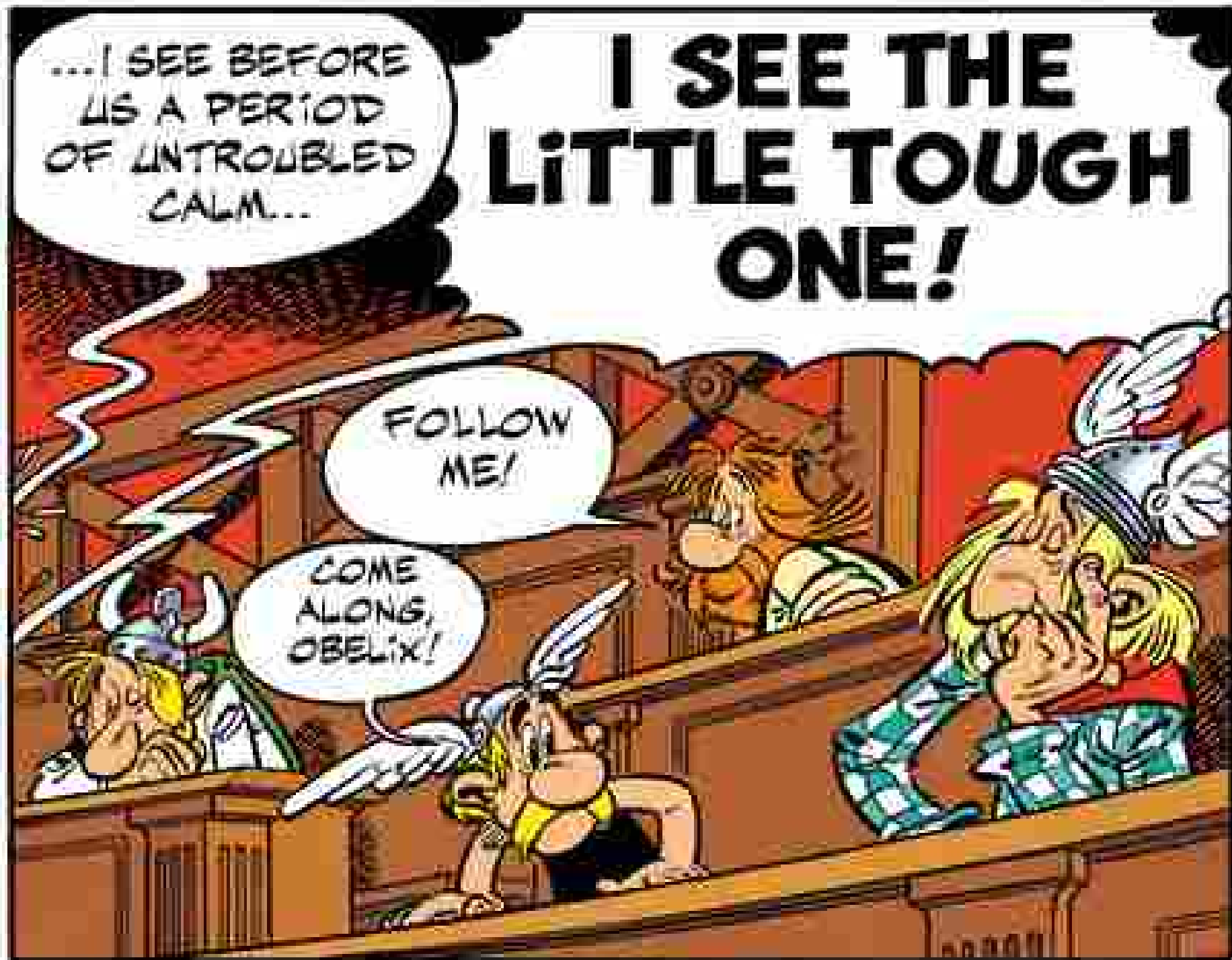
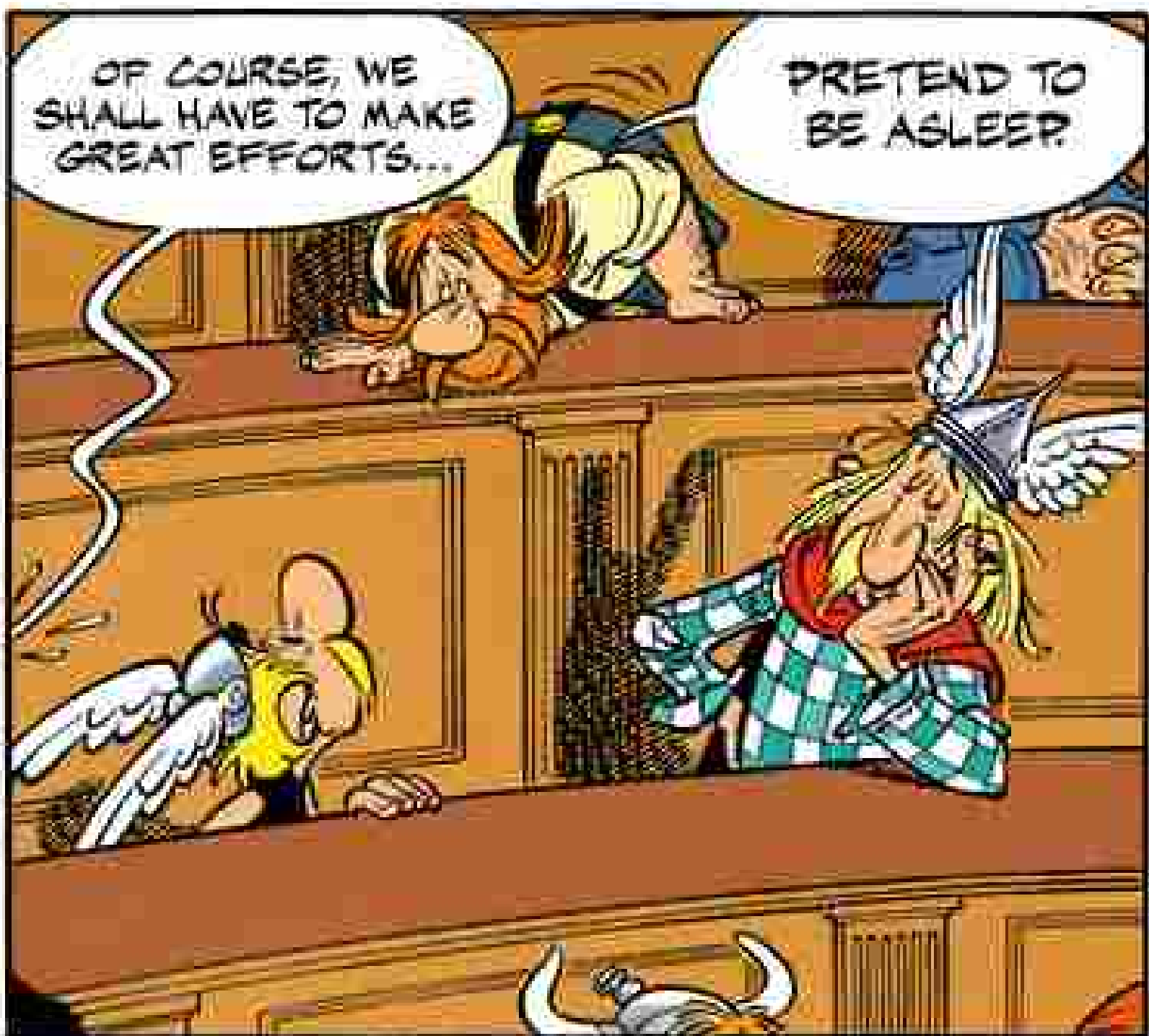
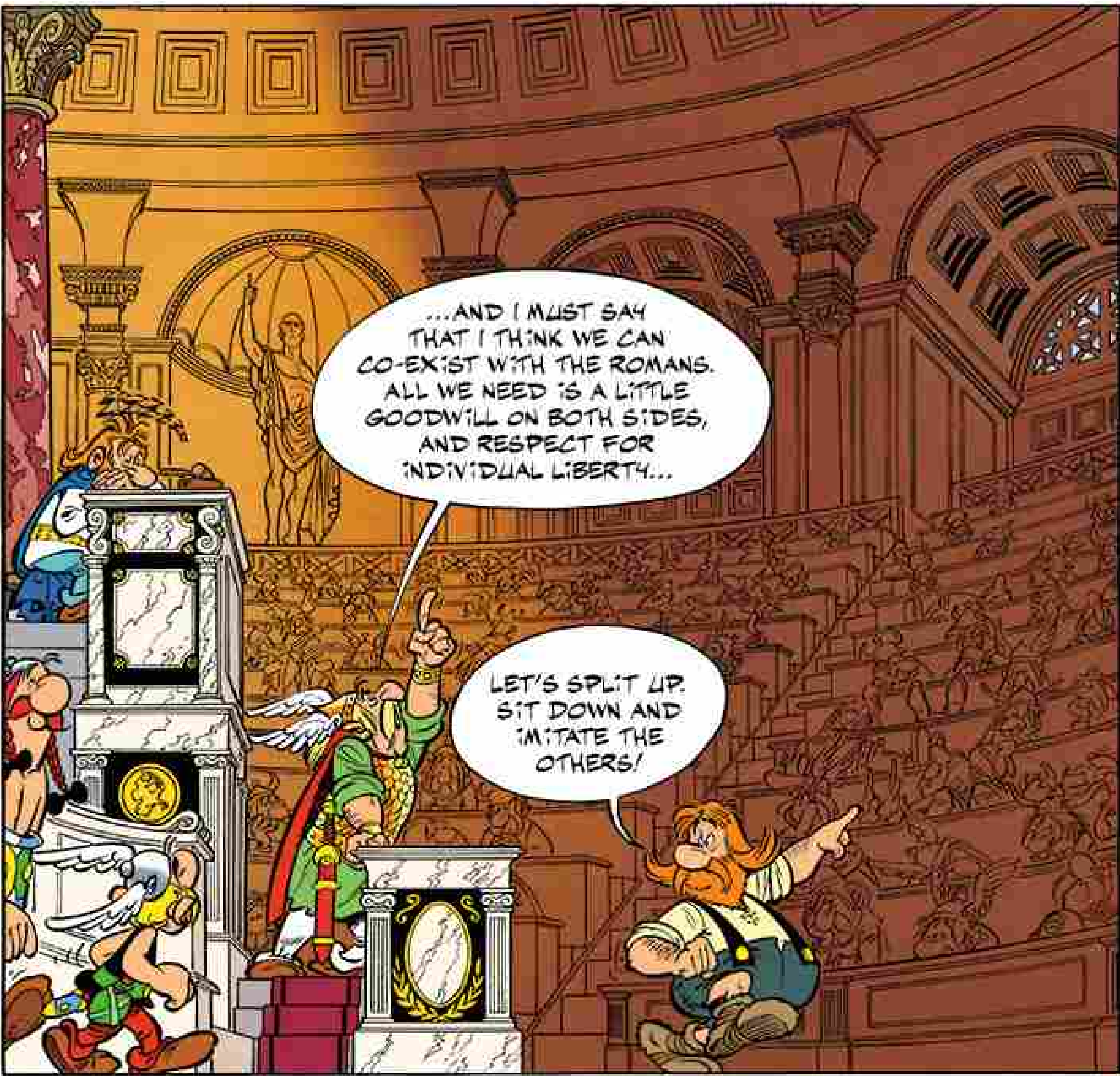


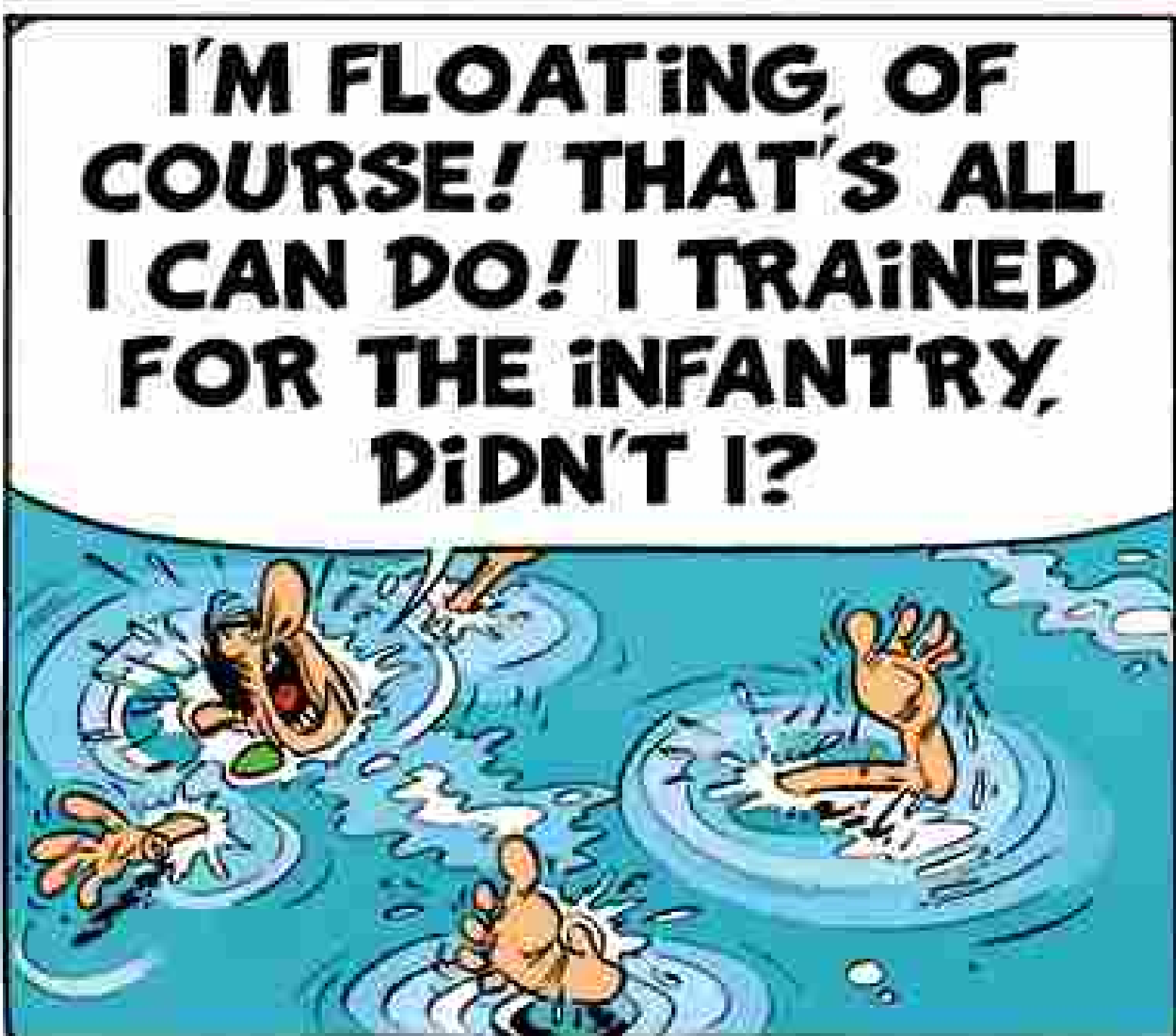


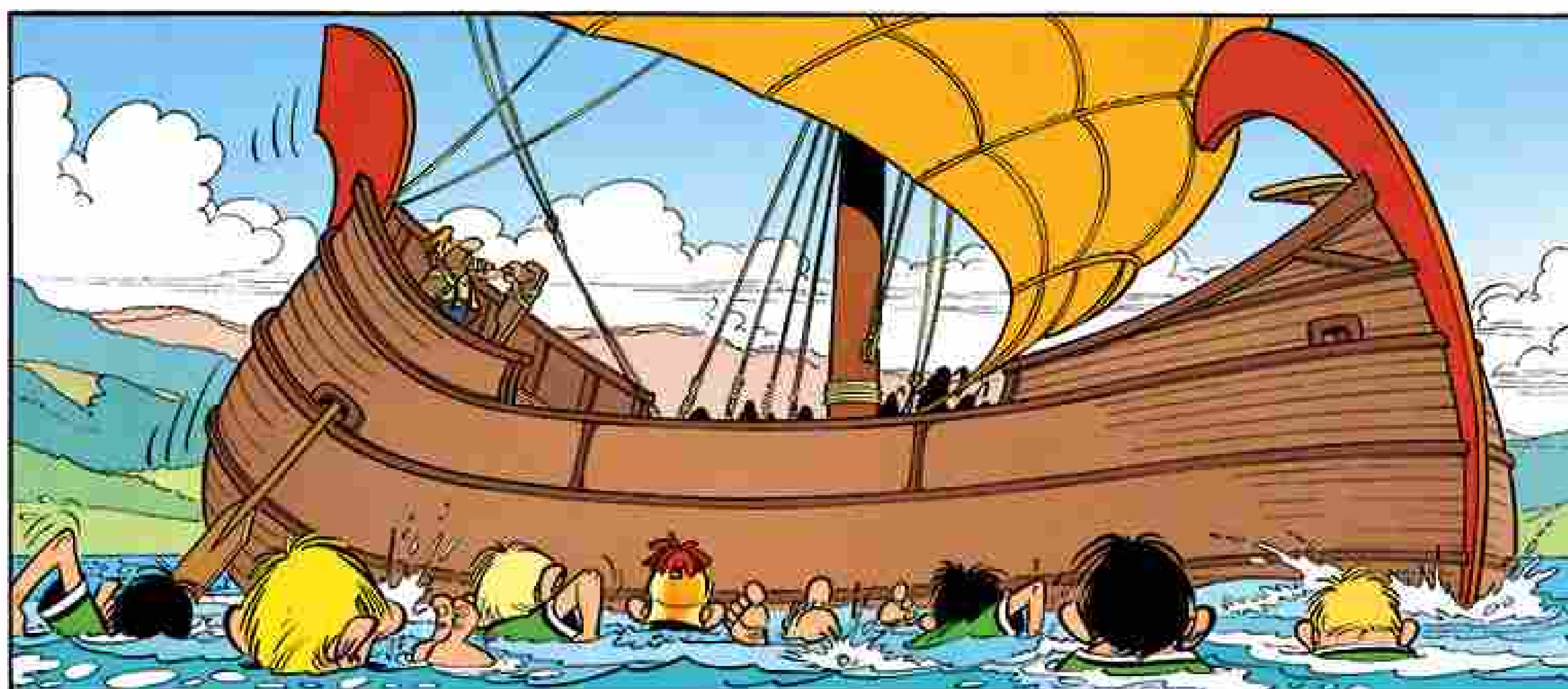


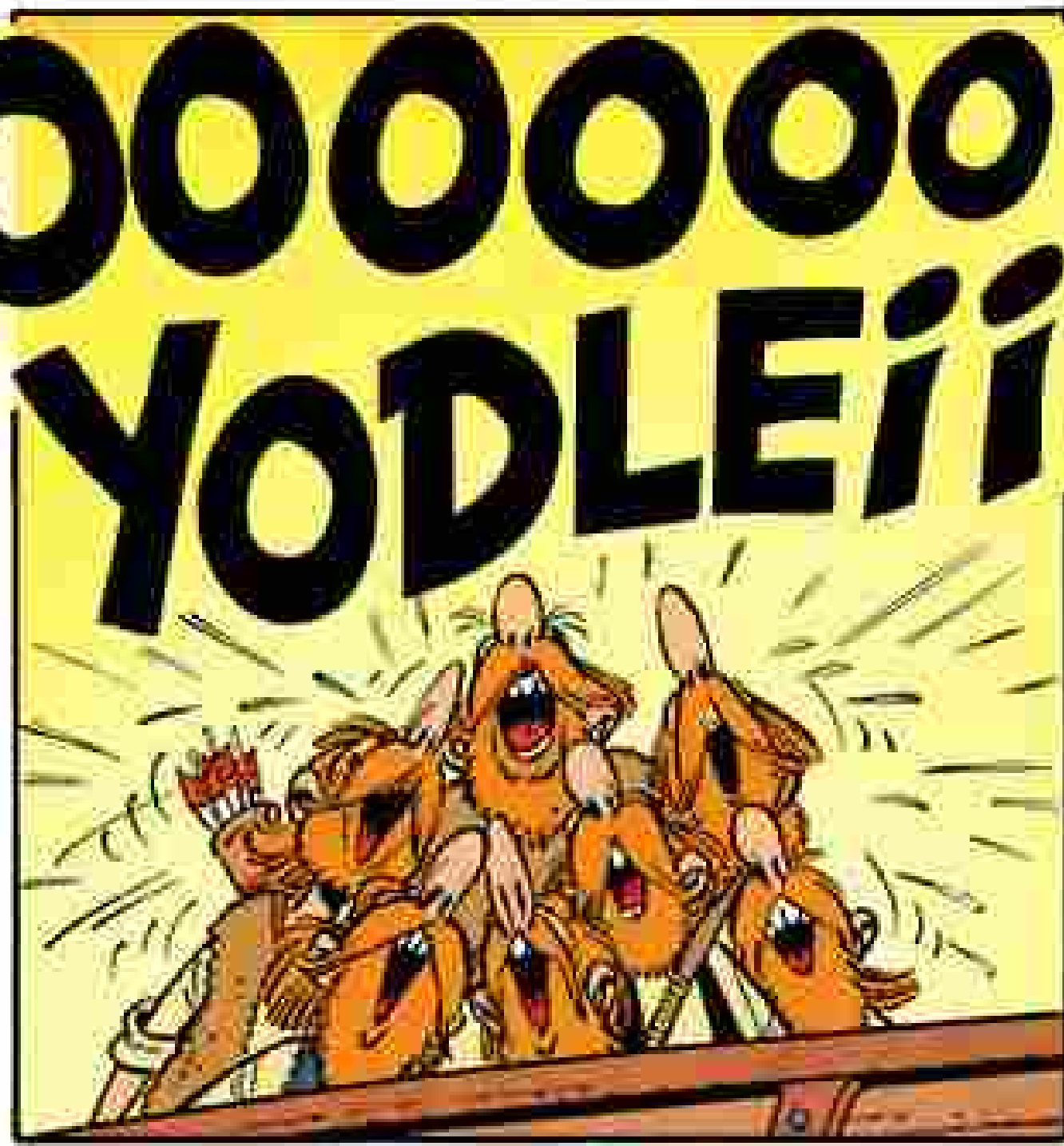
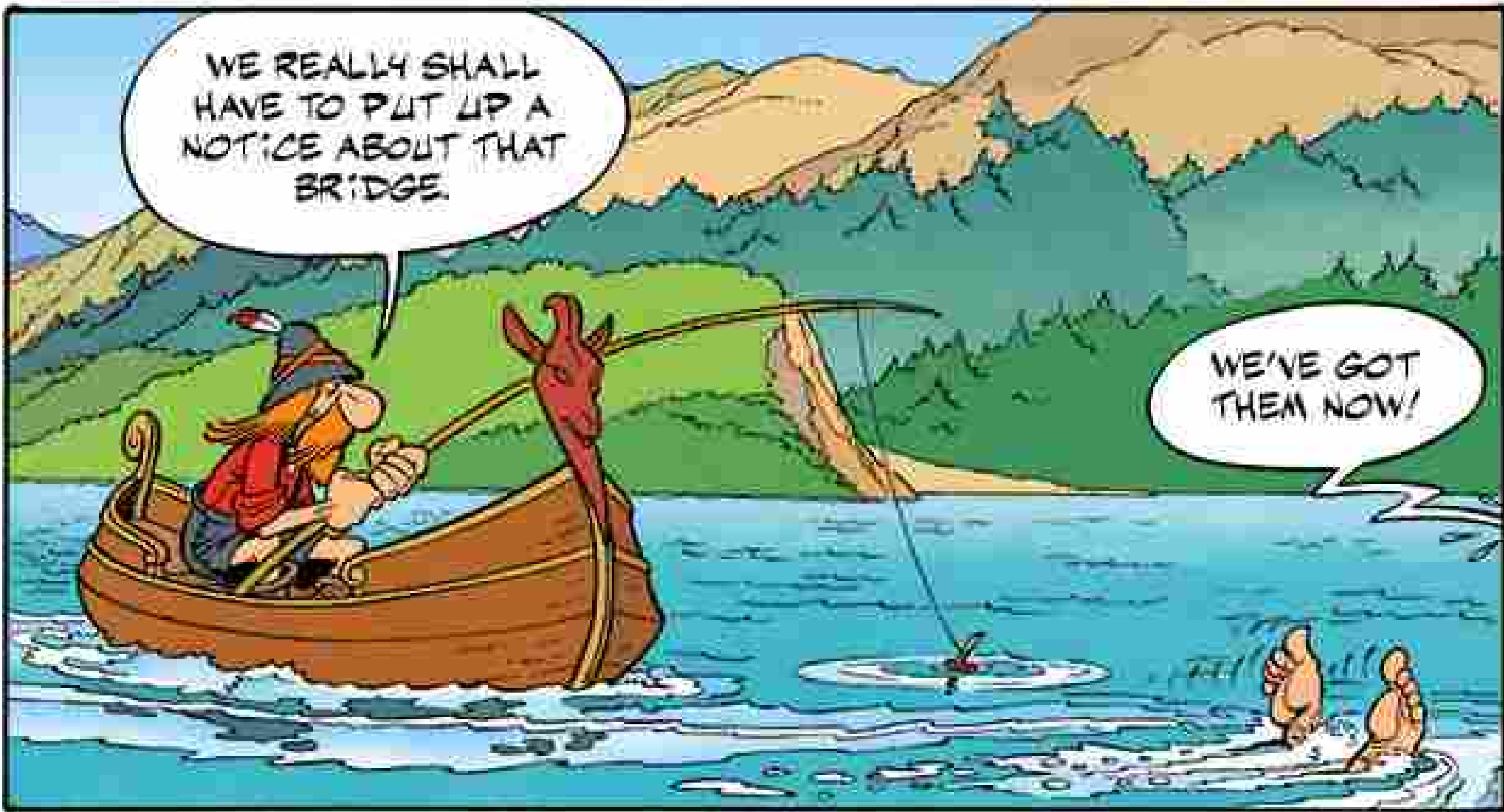


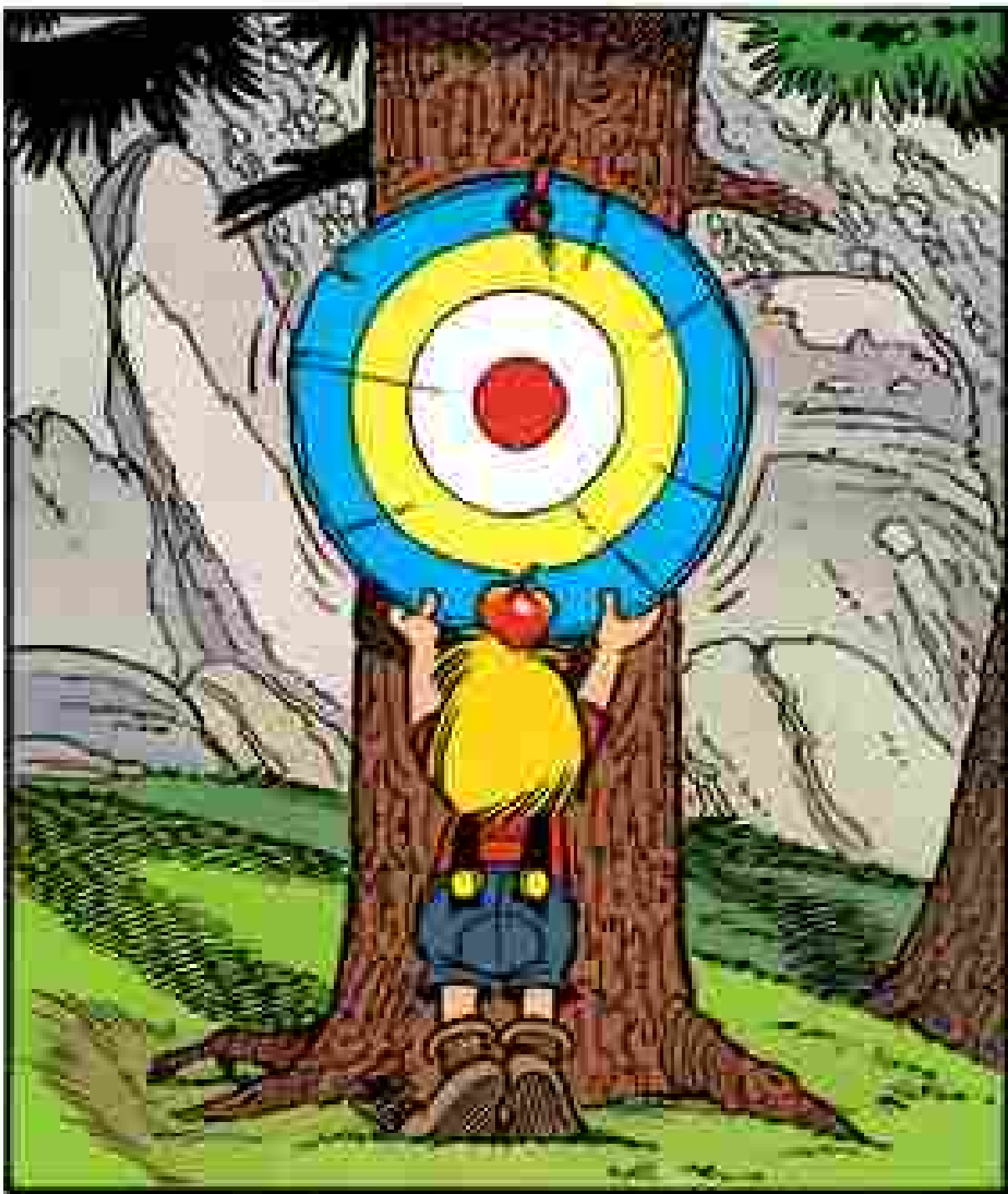
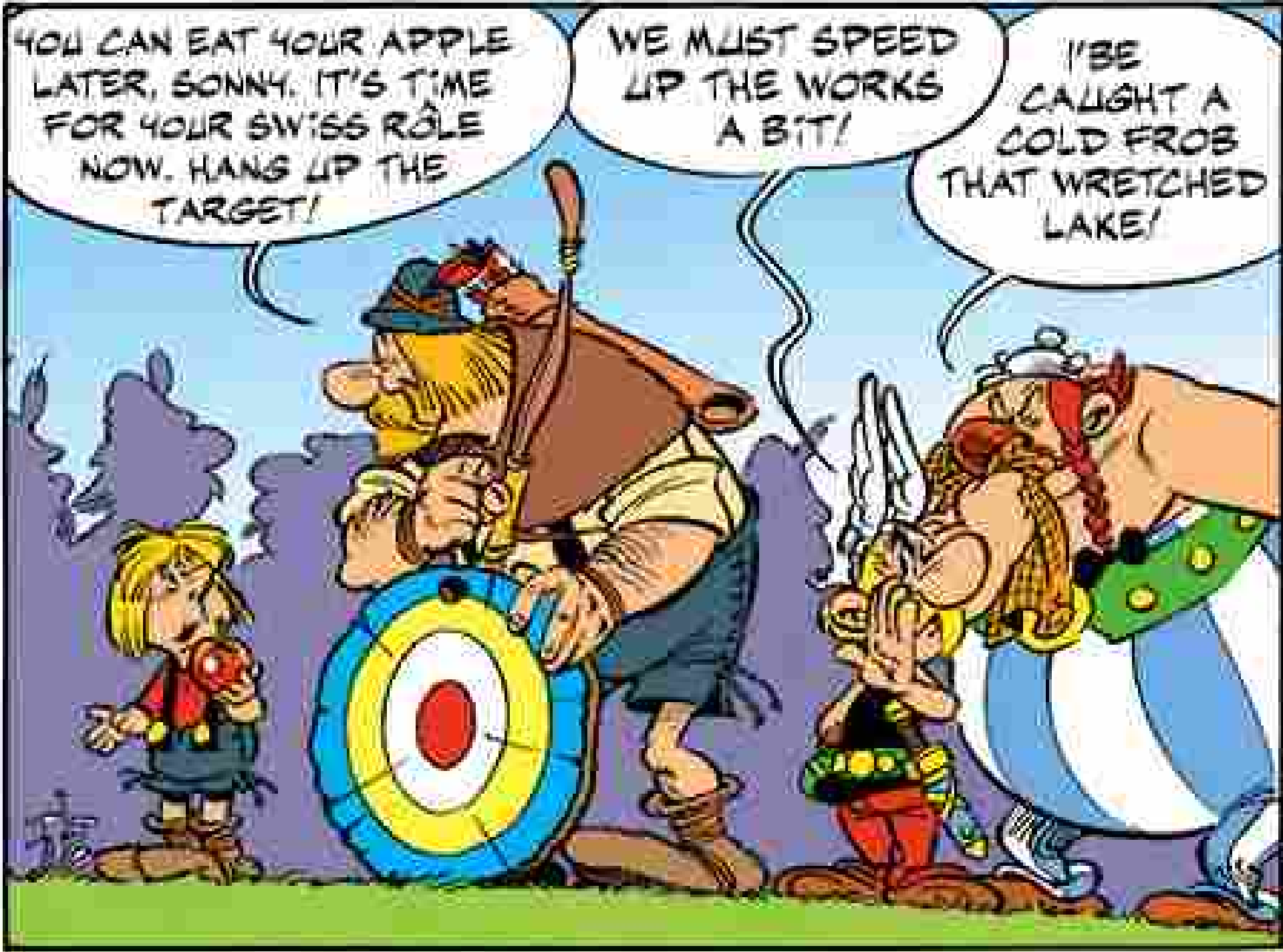


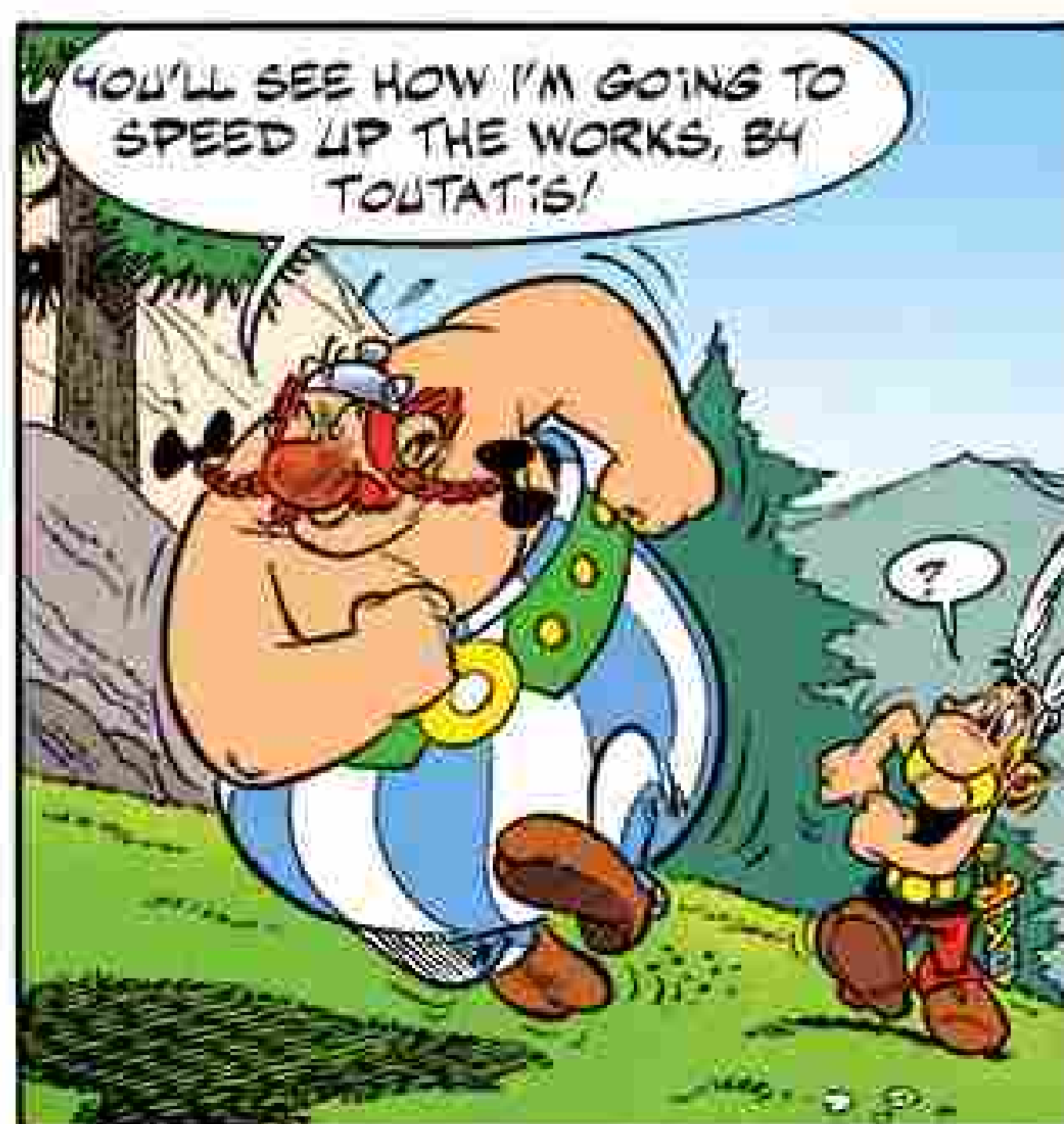
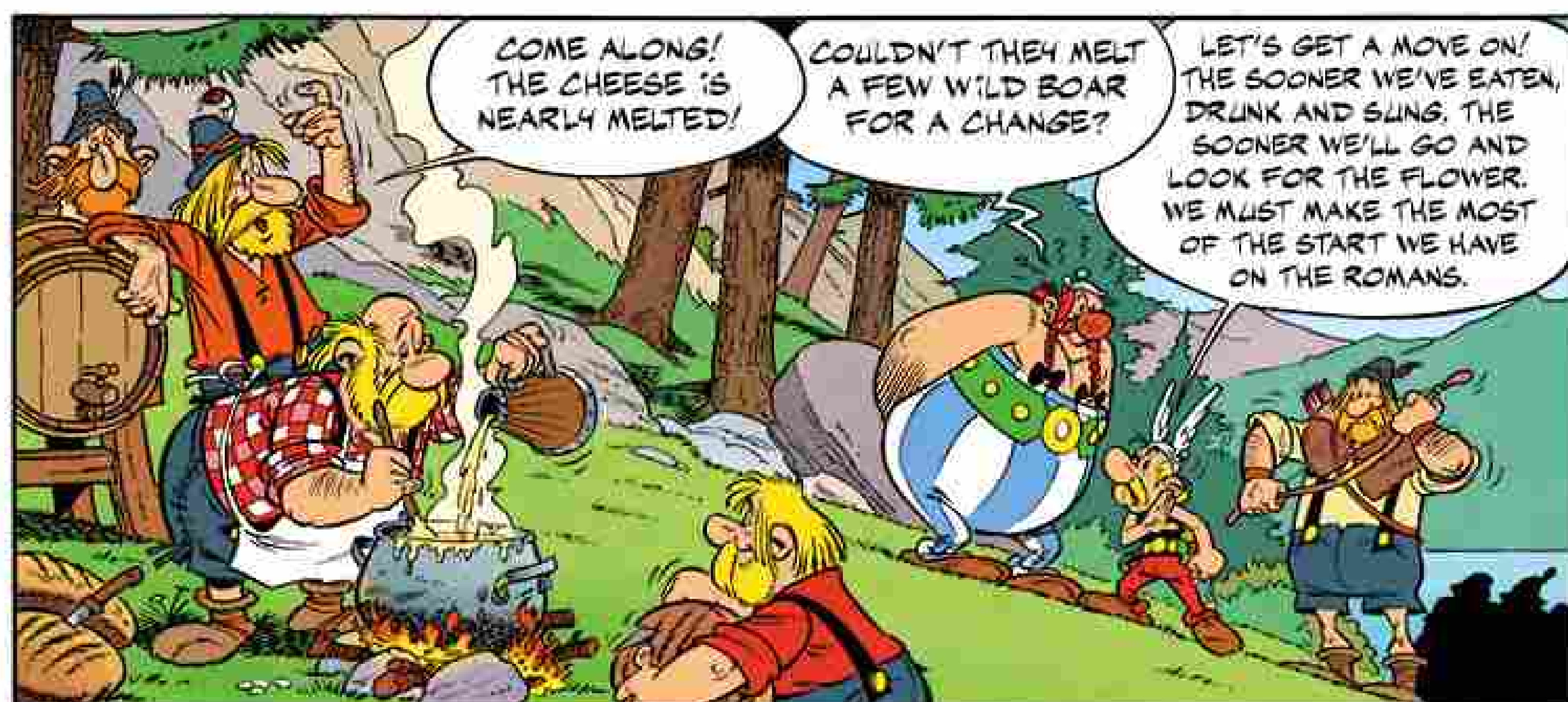


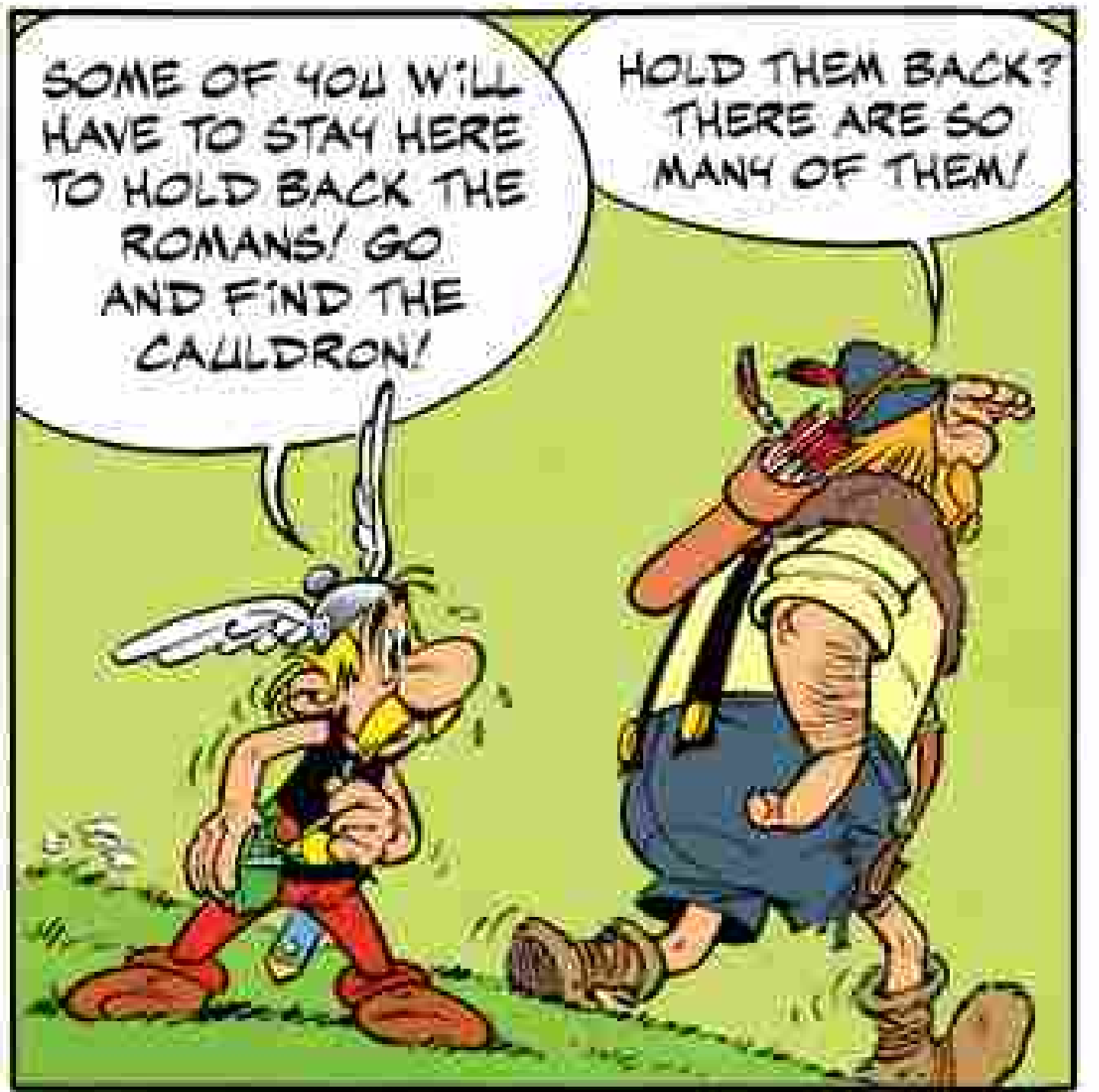
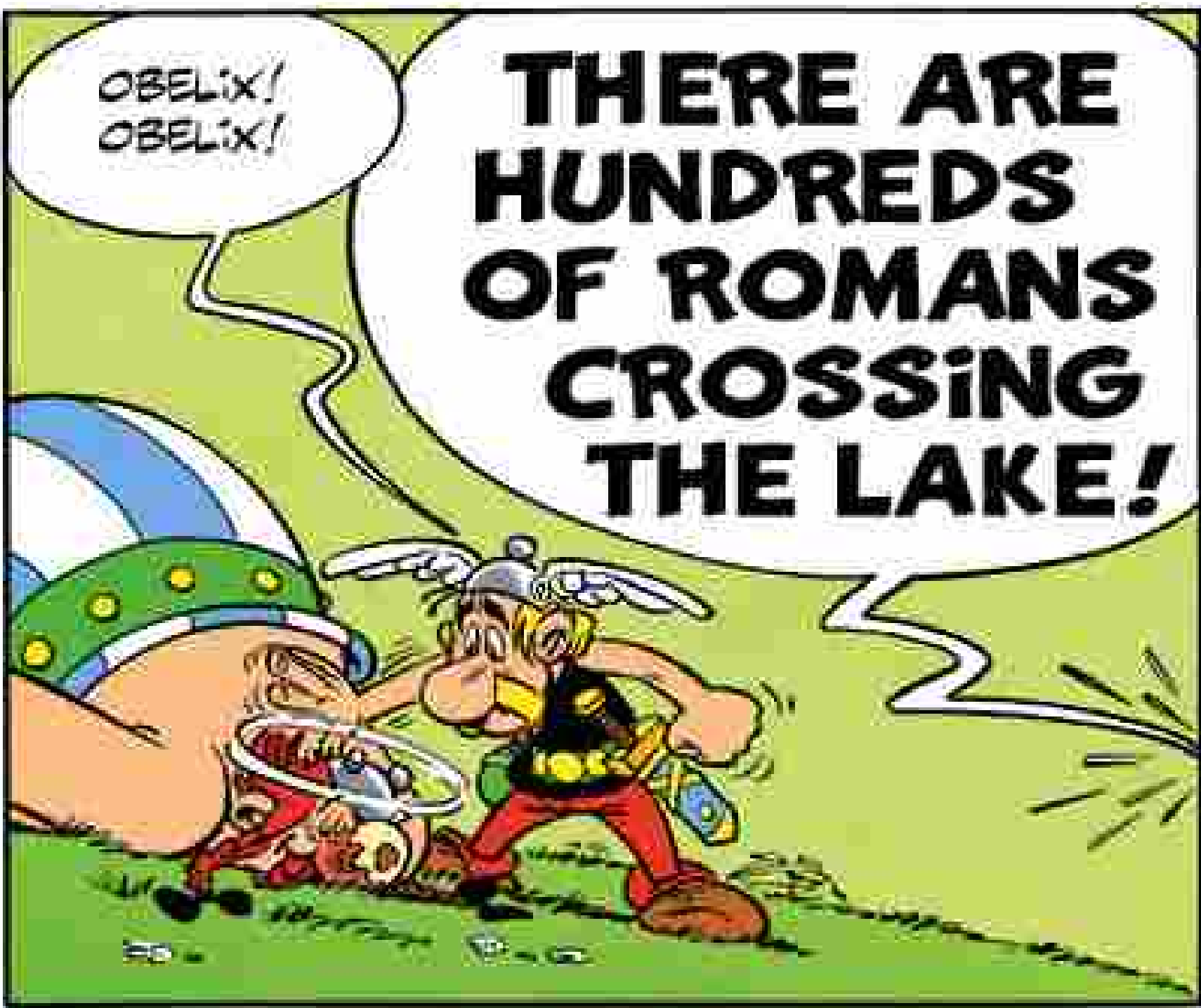




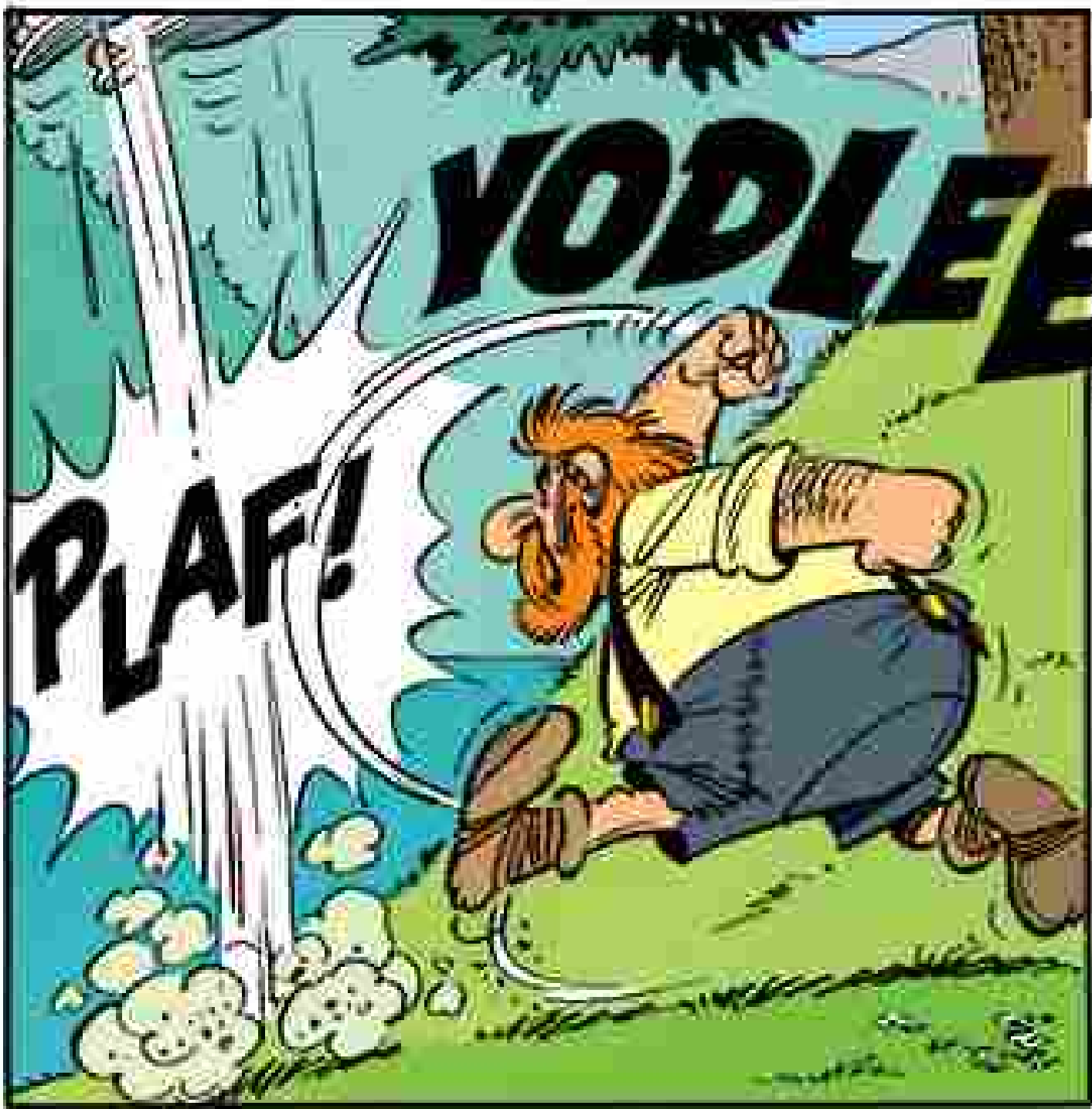
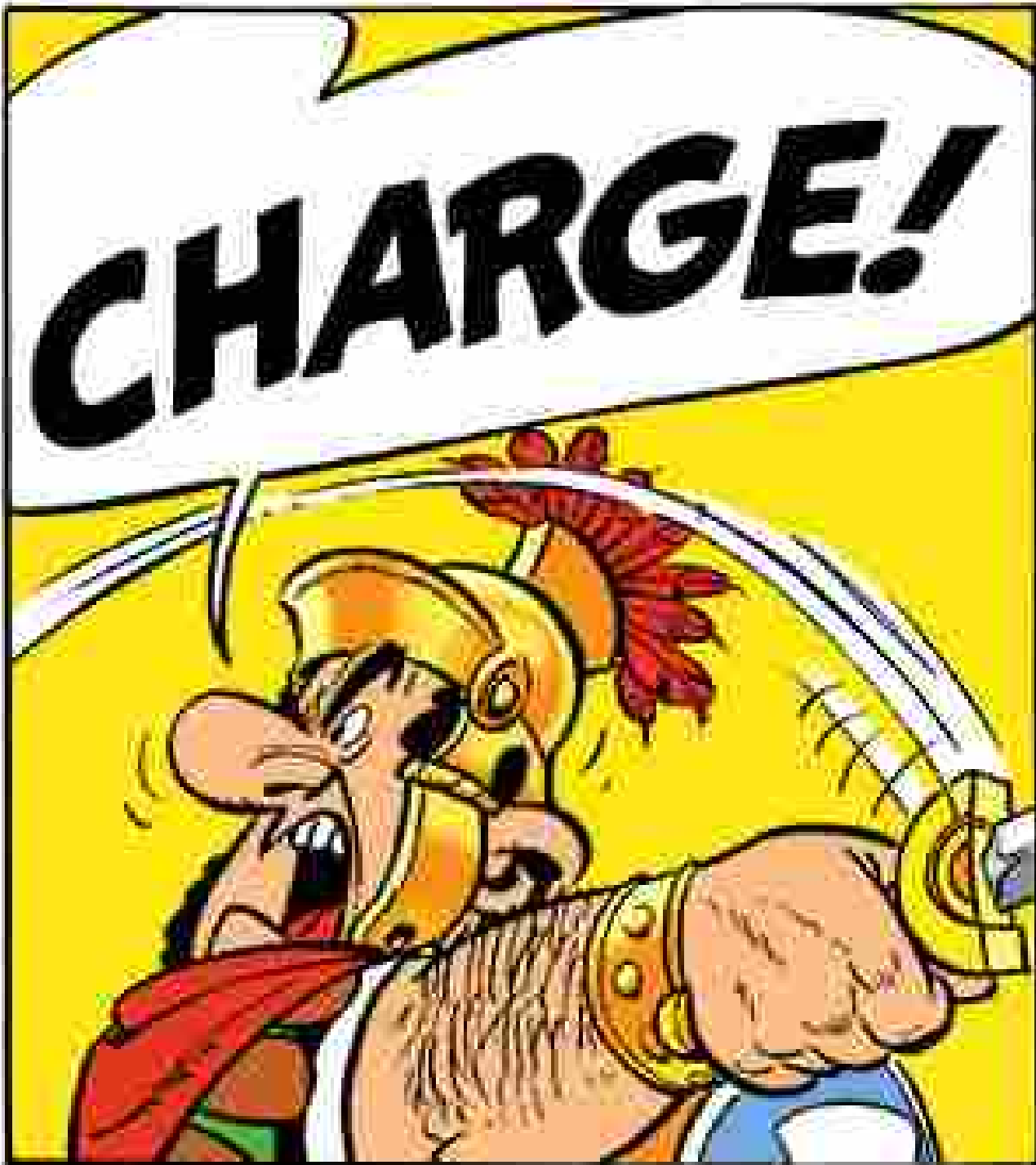
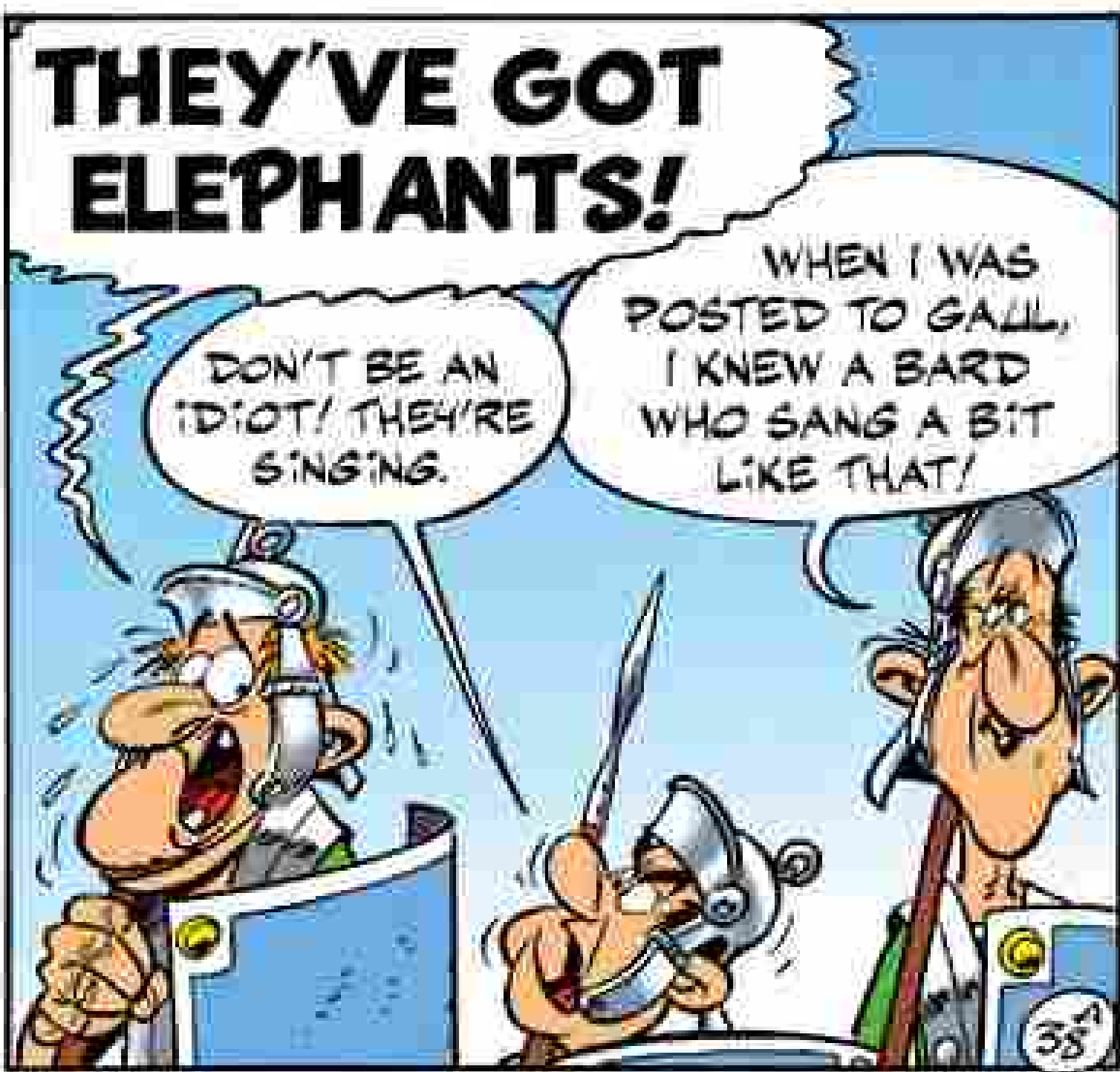


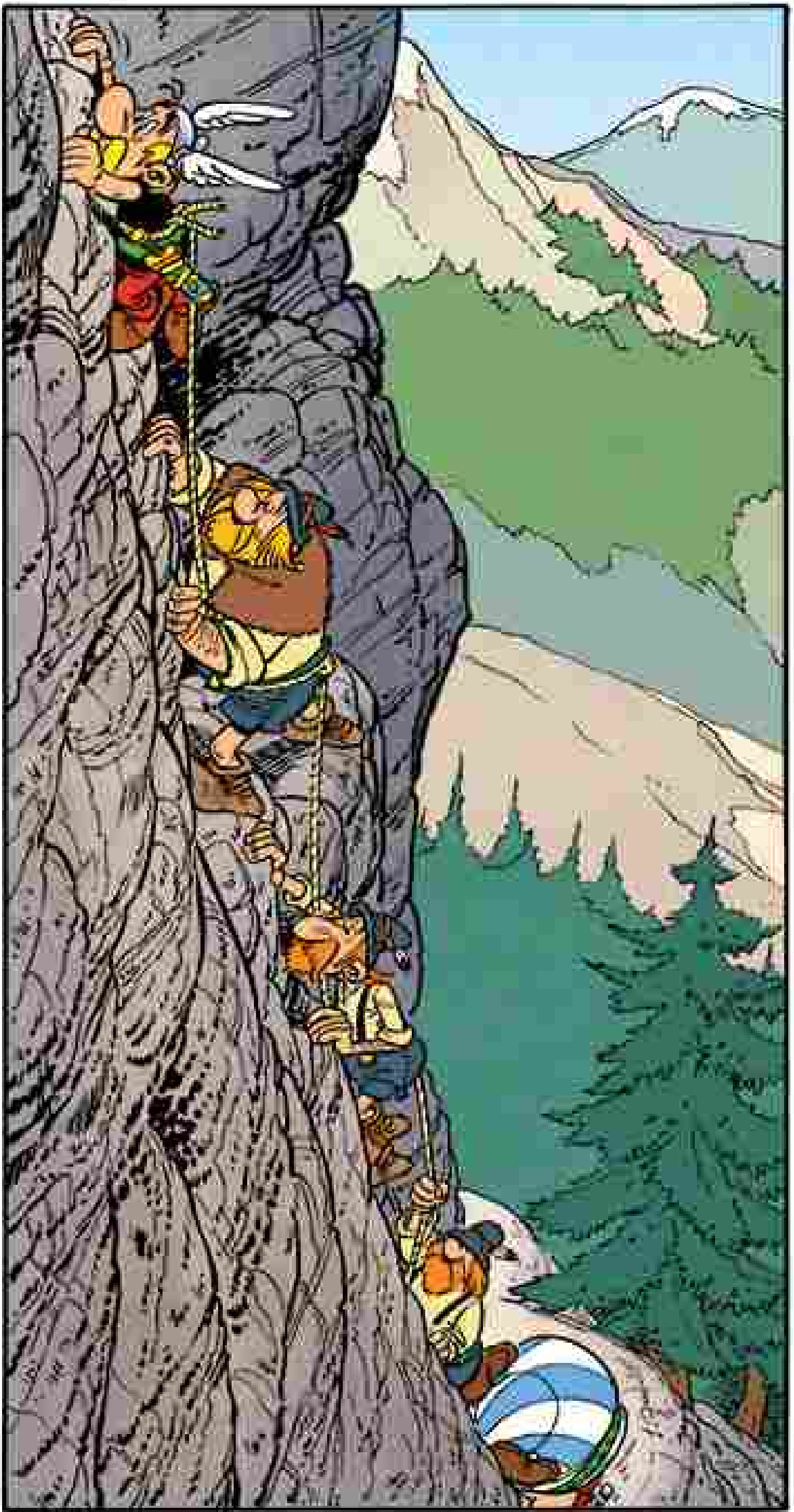
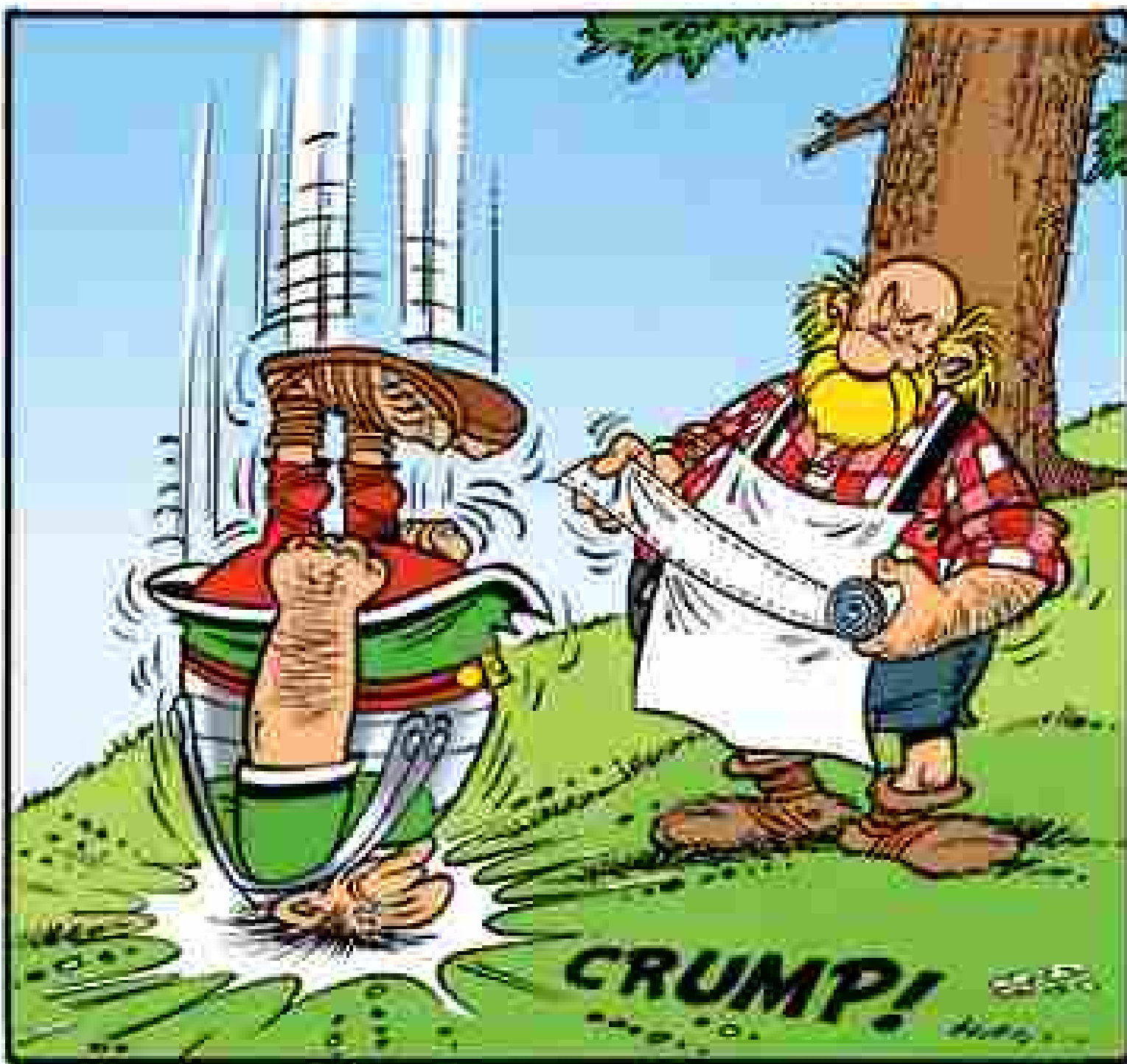


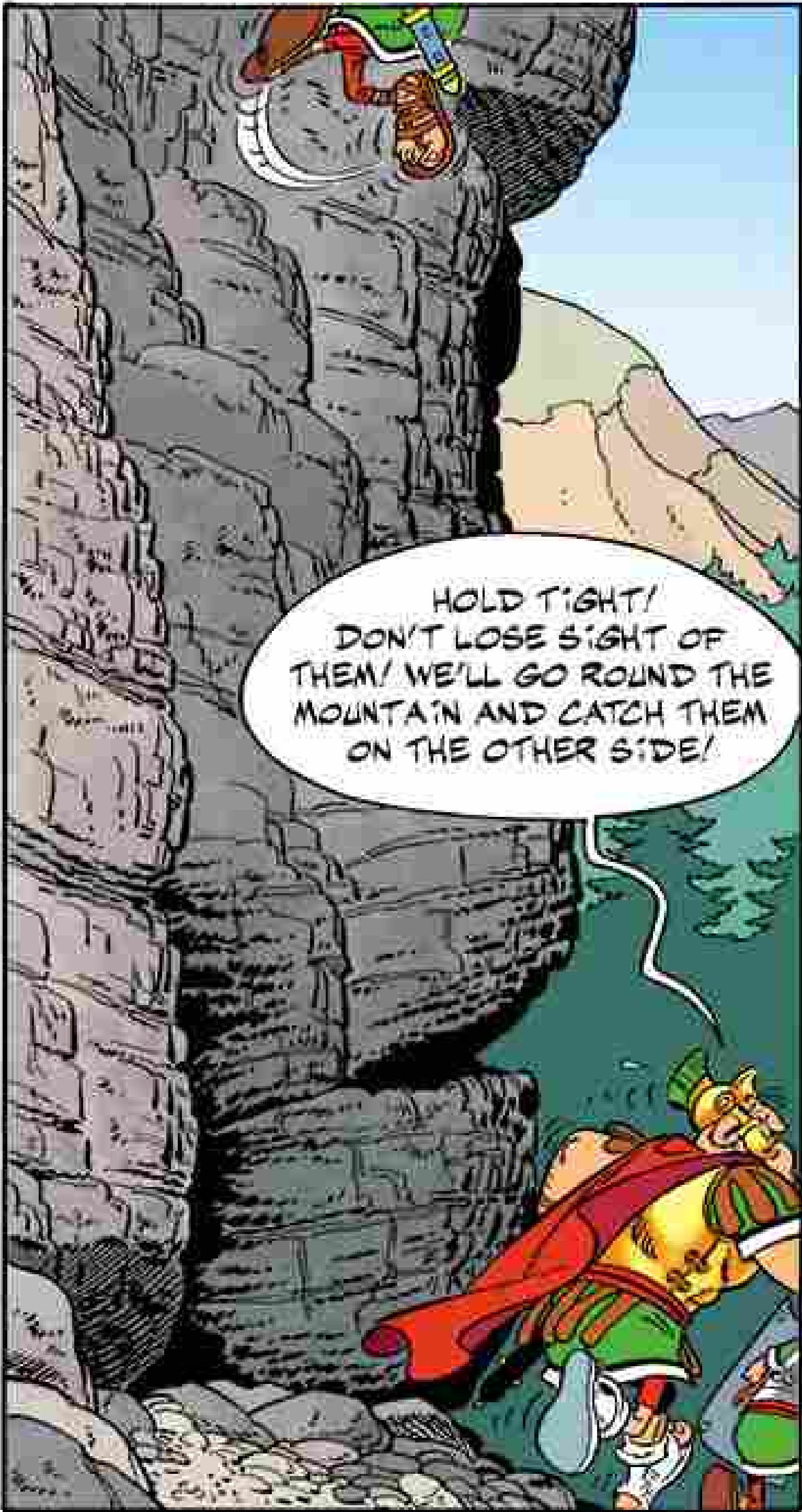
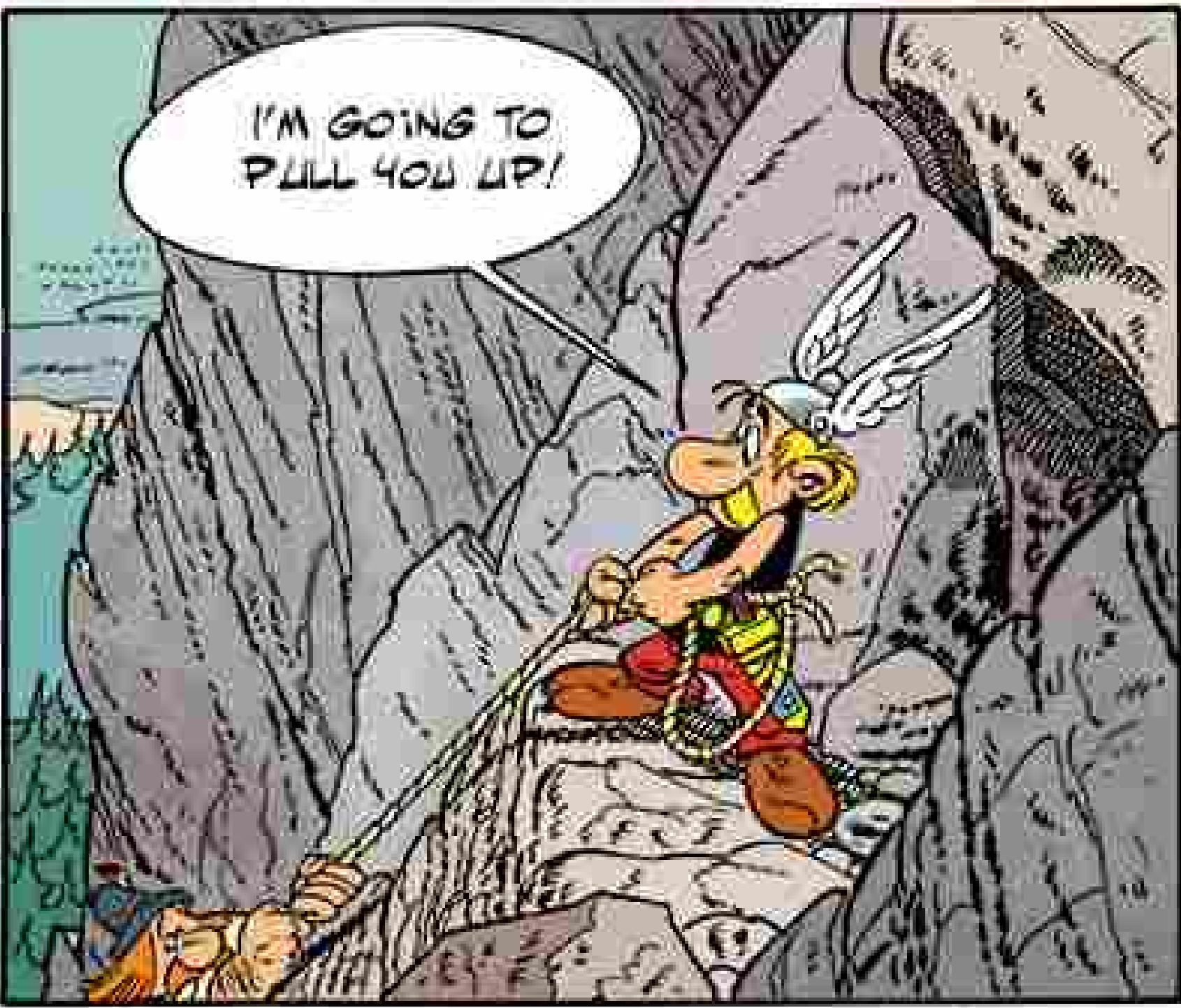


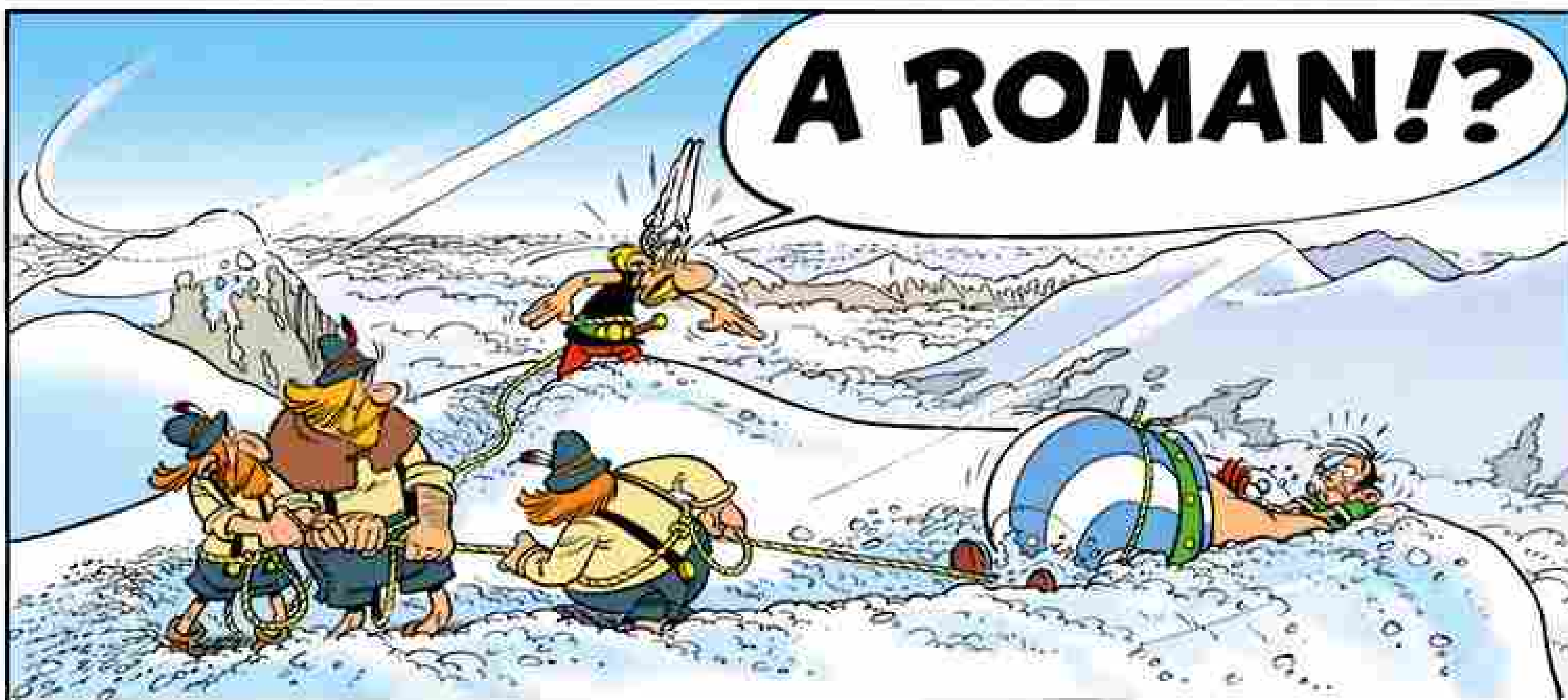
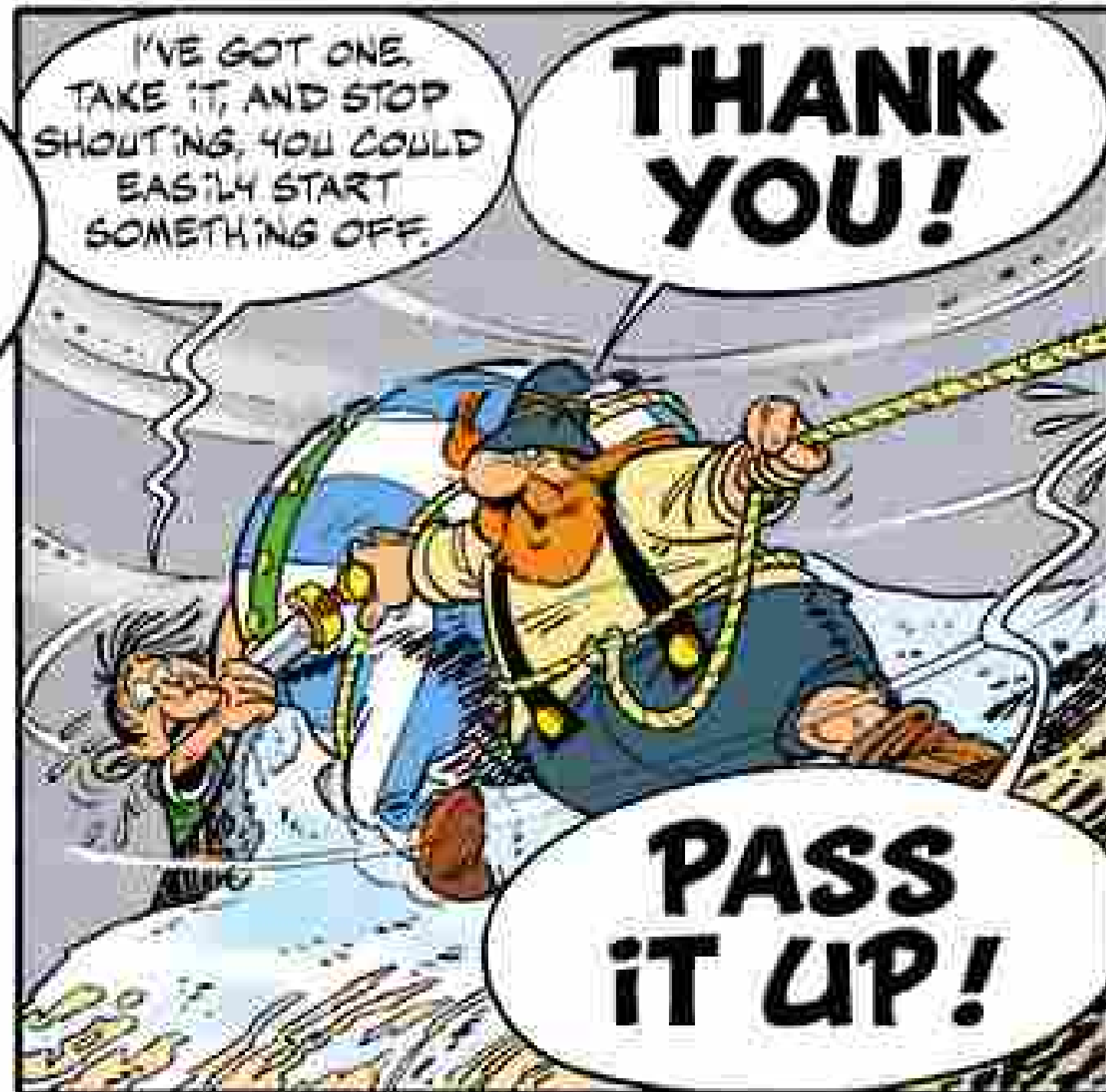
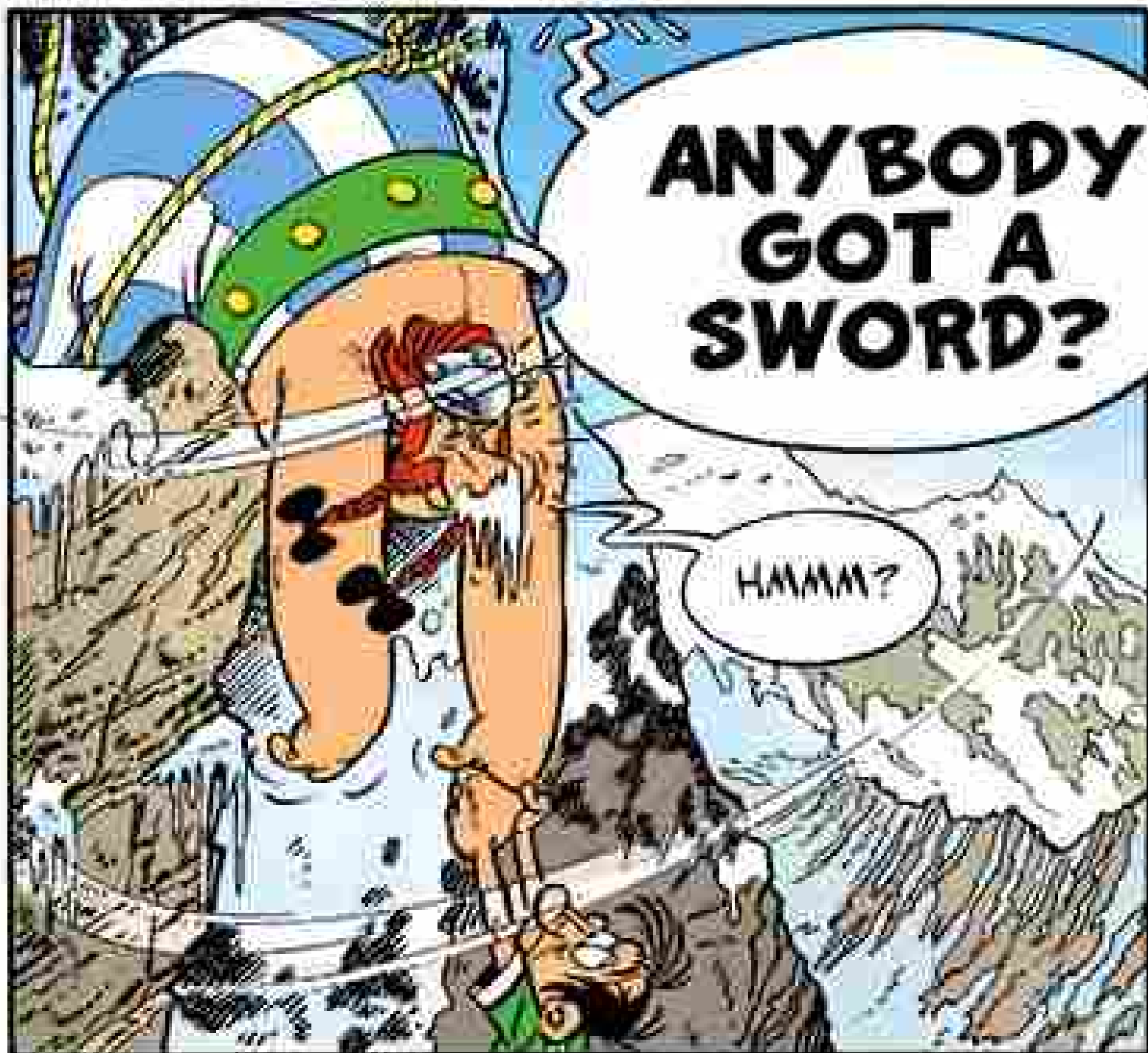
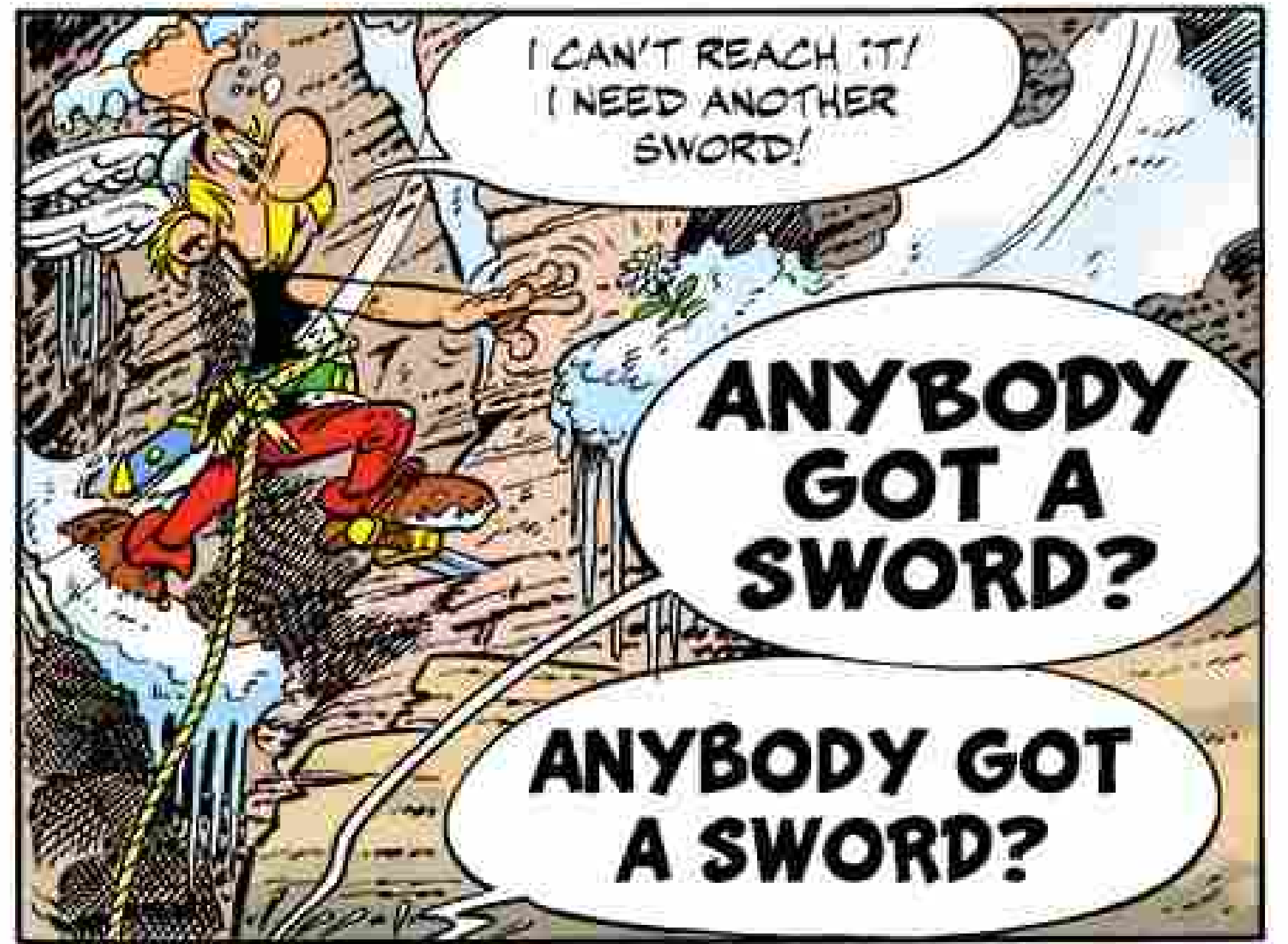


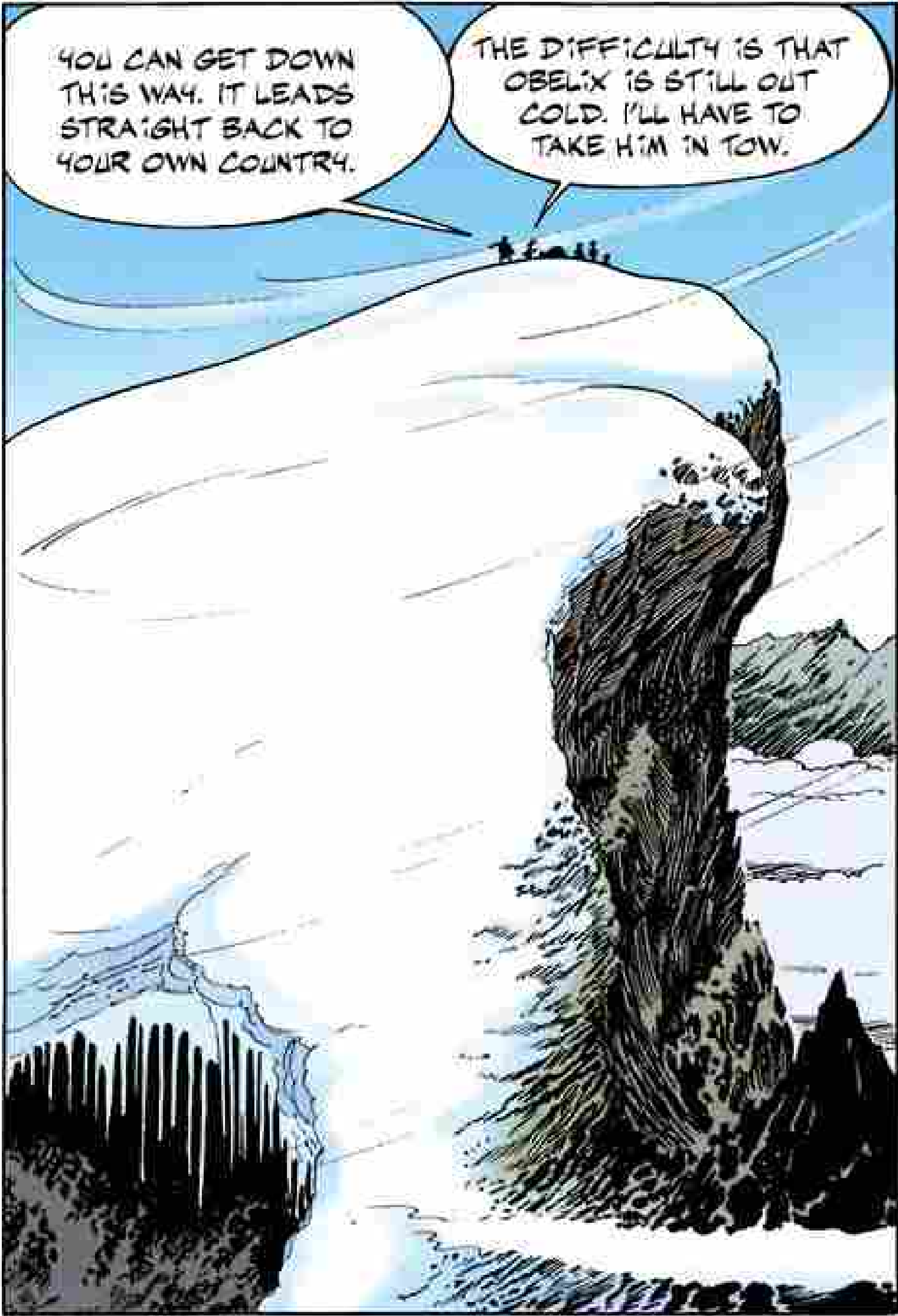
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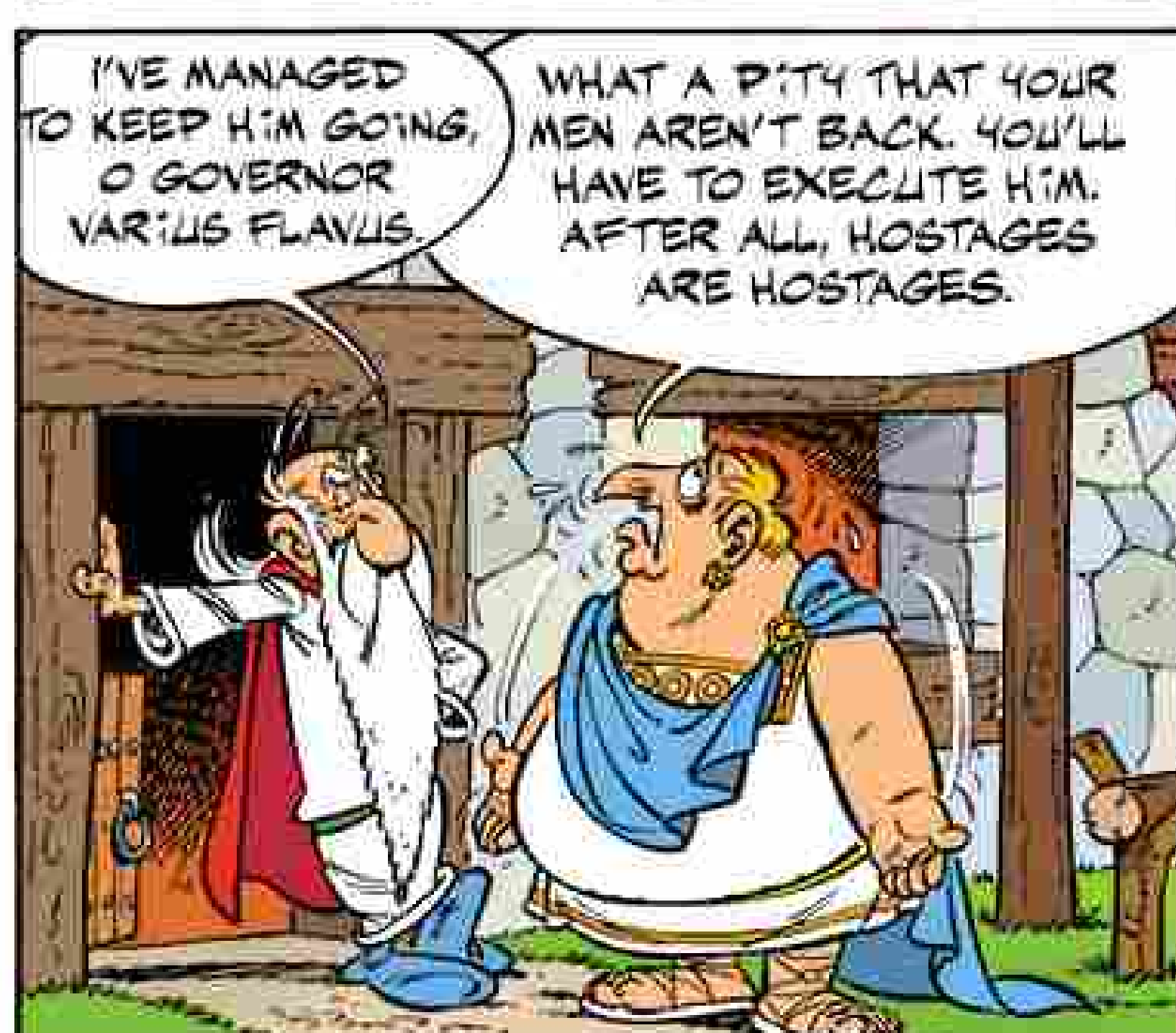
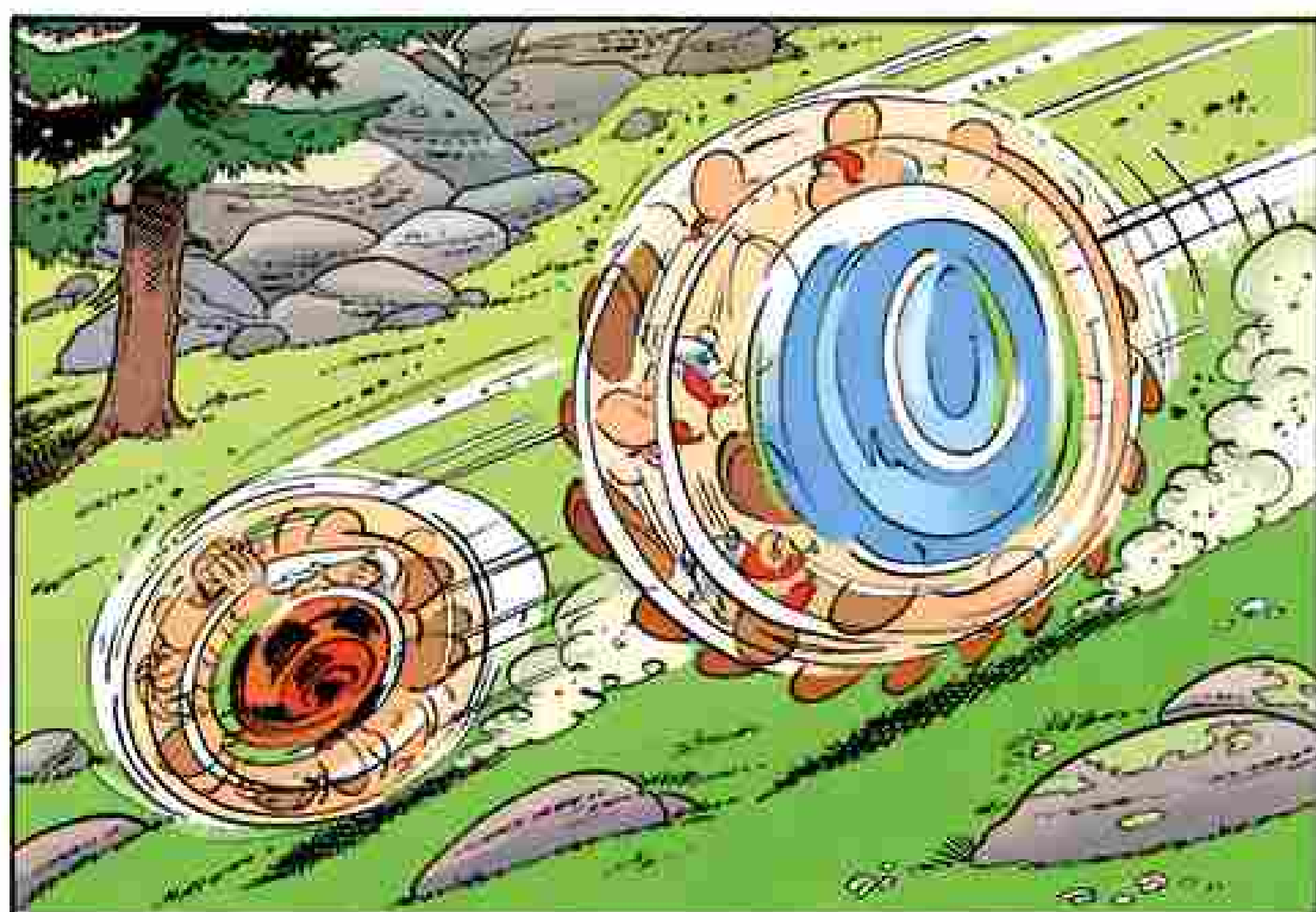


















I FEEL
A BIT WEAK,
GETAFIX ...

NO, OBELIX! YOU
ARE NOT HAVING ANY MAGIC
POTION! YOU KNOW VERY WELL
YOU FELL INTO THE CAULDRON
WHEN YOU WERE A BABY, AND
IT HAD A PERMANENT
EFFECT ON YOU!

Quaestor
Vexatius
Sinusitus,
who is about to
expose the Roman
governor's creative
accountancy, has been
poisoned. Can Getafix
brew an antidote?
Only if Asterix and
Obelix find a certain
flower for the druid's
potion in Helvetia. What
with bank safes, cuckoo
hourglasses, yodelling and
holes in the cheese,
they're soon on a real
Helvetian roll.

